

## EMU DR. FAZIL KÜÇÜK MEDICINE FACULTY CELEBRATES 14 MARCH – MEDICINE DAY



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Dr. Fazil Küçük Medicine Faculty organized an event on the occasion of 14 March – Medicine Day. The event took place on Friday, 13 March 2026 at 10:00 a.m. and

was attended by EMU Board of Trustees (VYK) President Şemi Bora, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, EMU General Secretary Derviş

Ekşici, Dr. Fazil Küçük Medicine Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Nilüfer Güzoğlu, Faculty of Pharmacy Dean Prof. Dr. H. Ozan Gülcan, vice deans, department head, academic staff and students. > pg. 2-3

## AI DISCUSSED AT EMU SCIENCE CAFE: “ARE WE STILL IN CONTROL?”



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Science Communication Office held its first program on the theme of artificial intelligence within the “Science Cafe” event series which aim to strengthen the relation between society and science. The event titled “Artificial Intelligence: Two Sides of the Coin” took place at Rüstem Bookstore located in Nicosia, featuring Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yıltan Bitirim who interactively

discussed the invisible impacts of artificial intelligence (AI) on our daily lives and the ethical questions it raises with the participants.

During the event, it was noted that AI has become a technology frequently used across many areas of daily life. The role of AI in daily life—from smartphones and navigation applications to banking systems and healthcare technologies—was examined through various examples.

Alongside with the convenience brought to our lives with AI, contemporary issues such as privacy, data security, algorithmic bias, and governmental regulatory approaches were also discussed. Noting that technology is a tool, Bitirim stated that AI should not act as a “captain,” but rather serve as a “co-pilot” that supports human decision-making processes.

During the event, participants actively engaged in the discussions that received great interest.

The program centered on a key question: “Will technology control us, or will we control technology?” Held in a warm and engaging atmosphere, the event stood as a strong example of the Science Cafe initiative’s goal of bringing science to the wider public outside traditional academic spaces.

EMU Science Communication Office stated that Science Cafe events will continue by focusing on different scientific topics in the upcoming days.

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The event commenced with the observance of A Minute of Silence and National Anthem, followed by a promotional video of the Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty. Then, Medicine Faculty students Ada Keskin Bakış and Bahattin Keleş performed a musical recital. Following their performance, performing students were presented with bouquets by Prof. Dr. Güzoğlu, Dean of Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty.

Third year student Fersu Salel delivered a speech on behalf of Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty students, touching on the history of Medicine Day and underscored that the medical profession is not limited to diagnosing diseases but also requires understanding the human being. Stating that medicine is more than a profession and represents a way of life dedicated to humanity, Salel was presented with flowers by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç following her speech.

### “A Profession of Empathy, Patience and Strong Ethical Values”

Making remarks at the event, EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Nilüfer Güzoğlu noted that medical education goes far beyond lectures, textbooks, and examinations. She explained that one of the key characteristics that sets medical faculties apart from others is that the educational process is not confined to students and academic staff alone. Emphasizing that patients form the most vital part of this learning journey, Prof. Dr. Güzoğlu highlighted that the focus and ultimate purpose of the medical profession is the human being. Prof. Dr. Güzoğlu stated that one of the most important principles instilled in medical students during their education is the understanding that ‘there are no diseases, only patients’. She emphasized that every patient has a unique story, a different life, and distinct needs. Prof. Dr. Güzoğlu also added that medicine is a profession practiced not only with

scientific knowledge but also with empathy, patience, and strong ethical values.

### “A Great Responsibility Dedicated to Reviving Hope”

During his speech, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç highlighted that March 14 Medicine Day serves as a meaningful occasion to recognize and honor the selfless dedication of healthcare professionals. Stressing that health represents one of the most essential values of any society, Prof. Dr. Kılıç expressed sincere appreciation to all healthcare workers who work tirelessly, day and night, to safeguard and improve human health. Underscoring that medicine should not be viewed merely as a profession but as a great responsibility dedicated to protecting human life, reducing suffering, and restoring hope, Prof. Dr. Kılıç also drew attention to the rapid technological developments taking place in the healthcare sector. Prof. Dr. Kılıç noted that artificial intelligence, biotechnology, genetic



research, and digital health applications are shaping a new era in the world of medicine. Furthermore, he emphasized that these developments simultaneously require the education of physicians who are well-qualified, ethically responsible, and strongly committed to professional values. Prof. Dr. Kılıç highlighted that the EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty, through the Marmara University Joint Medical Program, trains physicians who are aware of global health issues, closely follow scientific advancements, possess analytical thinking abilities, and remain committed to ethical principles.

#### “A Distinguished Field”

In his speech, EMU Board of Trustees President Şemi Bora stated that the medical profession is a sacred vocation requiring patience, dedication, knowledge, and conscience. Bora added that healthcare professionals struggle for human life at every hour of the day and highlighted that healthcare services represent a distinguished field where scientific knowledge, ethical values, and compassion come together. Bora noted that a patient’s recovery depends not only on medical treatment but also on feelings of hope and trust, stressing that physicians stand by people during their most difficult moments and provide them with support. Bora also underlined that healthcare workers in every area of the healthcare system—from nurses and technicians to laboratory staff and hospital personnel, whom he described as the invisible heroes of the healthcare system—carry out their duties with great dedication in order to protect public health. Pointing out that the world of medicine, guided by the light of science, continues to make human life healthier and safer with new developments every day, Bora underlined that these advancements are the result of great effort and devotion. He concluded his speech by congratulating all healthcare professionals on Medicine Day.

Following the opening speeches, Assist. Prof. Dr. Halil Eren Sakallı delivered a presentation on the meaning and importance of the modern medicine. The event concluded after the presentations were made.



## CULTURE AND ARTS WEEK HELD AT EMU BRINGS ART LOVERS TOGETHER



Organized in collaboration with Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Student Development, Events and Sports Affairs Directorate and the Municipality of Famagusta, the 'Culture and Arts Week', which received strong participation, was held between 9 and 13 March 2026, featuring a rich events program and bringing together art-lovers.

The Culture and Arts Week commenced on Monday, 9 March 2026 at 6:00 p.m. with an opening ceremony held at EMU Activity Center. The ceremony was attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Famagusta Mayor Dr. Süleyman Uluçay, General Secretary Derviş Ekşici, EMU Student Development, Events and Sports Affairs Director Cemal Kılıç and, many art-lovers and students.

Featuring a wide range of events from exhibitions to talks, and from poetry recitals to workshops, the EMU Culture and Arts Week brought together different disciplines

of art, offering both university members and the public a week filled with art through a series of open programs. Throughout the events, participants had the opportunity to engage directly with artists, gain insights into different branches of art, and experience the unifying power of culture and art.

The EMU Culture and Arts Week began with a group exhibition, curated by Ayhatun Ateşin, titled "A Reading from Women's Perspective: Art, Memory and Transformation". In her remarks on the exhibition, Ateşin said; "The exhibition goes beyond showcasing works by female artists and seeks to reconsider art from a gender-sensitive perspective. As an educational institution, we uphold the importance of engaging with art and artists without discrimination. Accordingly, the exhibition includes both female and male artists. This is because gender equality is reinforced not only by women, but through the collective awareness and contribution of all artists".

The said exhibition showcased artworks of Korhan Akbaytogan, Tülin Yiğit Akgül, Ayhatun Ateşin, Mustafa Batıbeniz, Kemal Behçet Caymaz, Kaan Canduran, Fatma Madalı Dimililer, Evrim Ergün, Fahimeh Heydari, Mert Kılıç, Sinem Kılıç, Raif Kızıl, Bahar Küçükusu, Mine Okur, Gökhan Okur, Vedia Okutan, Özlem Özer Tuğal, Mustafa Öztunç, Mehmet Sariler, Mert Şardu, Kadir Sevim and Selçuk Yalovaı.

At the event opening, Culture and Arts Week Coordinator Bedia Bales, exhibition curator Ayhatun Ateşin, Famagusta Mayor Dr. Uluçay, and EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç delivered speeches highlighting the vital role of culture and the arts in societal development. They emphasized that EMU's cultural and artistic initiatives contribute significantly both to the University and to society at large. It was also stated that the events organized as part of Culture and Arts Week bring together art enthusiasts and serve as an important platform for artistic production and exchange.





Following the opening speeches, Prof. Dr. Kılıç presented exhibition curator Ateşin a plaque of appreciation. Prof. Dr. Kılıç also presented certificates of appreciation to Dr. Uluçay and artists who took part in the exhibition. EMU Culture and Arts Week continued at Activity Center with a classical music recital by Myhhra Trip.

### Exhibition and Talk Event Held

As part of the Culture and Arts Week, on Tuesday, 10 March 2026 at 10:00 a.m., a collective photography exhibition titled "Human and Place" was held at the Foyer Area of the Central Lecture Halls, by Cem Cengiz and EMU Photography Club. At 4:30 p.m., a talk titled "The Architect of Choice: Shakespeare in an Immersive Era" was held at the Activity Center with Sogol Hemmatbolat. This was followed at 7:00 p.m. by a poetry recital and talk titled "Understanding Neriman Cahit" with guest poet Neşe Yaşın.

### Art Enthusiasts Enjoyed a Week of Art

On Wednesday, 11 March 2026 at 2:30 p.m., a talk and book signing event was held at the EMU Activity Center with journalist Zeki Erkut, who is known for his novels in Turkish Cypriot literature

addressing themes such as war, migration, and collective memory. During the event, Erkut shared his thoughts with participants on his writing process and the social issues he explores in his works, and answered participants' questions.

At 4:30 p.m., the event titled "Regional Poems, Stories and Epics" explored the cultural narratives of various geographies and emphasized the role of both oral and written literature in shaping societal identities. Later, at 7:00 p.m., a poetry recital and talk moderated by Bedia Balses were held with poet and writer Şükrü Erbaş, one of the leading lyrical voices of Turkish poetry, known for addressing themes such as love, death, loneliness, and human suffering from a socially engaged perspective. Through Erbaş's readings from his own works, participants enjoyed a memorable literary evening.

### Workshops and Talks

Within the scope of the events, on 12 March 2026, a workshop on caricature art led by Mustafa Tozakı was held at the Activity Center, where participants carried out practical studies on drawing techniques, character design, and the narrative power of

visual humor. Later, Cypriot theatre artist Ali Düşenkalkar met with art enthusiasts and delivered a talk, sharing insights from his theatre career and discussing the social impact of the performing arts.

### Concluded with a Jazz Concert

On the final day of EMU Culture and Arts Week, 13 March 2026, a talk titled "Approaches to Complex Music Genres" was held at the Department of Fine Arts Education by Hüseyin Kırmızı, Cahit Kutrafalı, and Hakkı Cengiz Eren. During the talk, a comprehensive discussion was conducted with participants on the structure of jazz and other complex music genres, improvisation techniques, and forms of musical expression.

Culture and Arts Week concluded later that same day at 8:00 p.m. with a jazz concert held at the Activity Center Hall by Hüseyin Kırmızı, Cahit Kutrafalı, and Kadir Evre. The concert, which attracted great interest, offered participants an enjoyable musical evening and brought the week's art-filled atmosphere to an impressive close.



## EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ RELEASES 14 MARCH – MEDICINE DAY MESSAGE

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç released a message on 14 March – Medicine Day. The message by Prof. Dr. Kılıç reads as follows:

“I wholeheartedly celebrate 14 March Medicine Day of our physicians and healthcare professionals who dedicate themselves to protecting human health and improving quality of life.

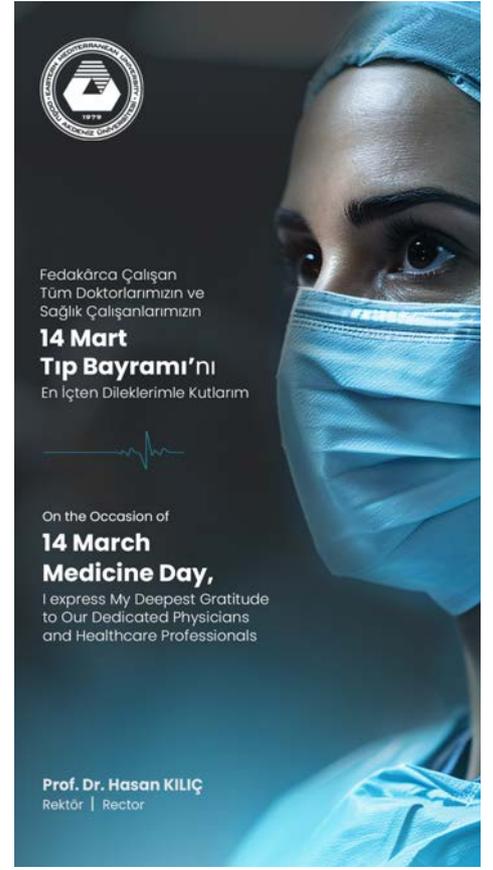
Healthcare services play a vital and indispensable role in ensuring the welfare and sustainable development of societies. Our physicians and all healthcare professionals, who fulfill their duties with great dedication, patience, and responsibility, work tirelessly day and night, placing human life above all else. This meaningful profession is practiced not only through knowledge and science, but also through conscience, compassion, and a profound love for humanity.

The global health crises witnessed in recent years have once again demonstrated the critical role healthcare professionals play in society.

Despite demanding conditions, our healthcare workers continue to fulfill their duties with unwavering determination and remain a symbol of hope for humanity.

As Eastern Mediterranean University, we view contributing to society through our scientific research, educational initiatives, and academic studies in the fields of medicine and health as an important responsibility. We firmly believe that the qualified individuals trained in these fields will make valuable contributions to humanity in the future.

With these sentiments, I congratulate all our physicians and healthcare professionals who work selflessly to protect human life and to build a healthier society, our esteemed academics serving in these fields, and our valued students receiving education in these disciplines on the occasion of March 14 Medicine Day. I also respectfully commemorate the healthcare workers who lost their lives in the line of duty and extend my wishes of health, success, and well-being to the entire medical and healthcare community.”



## STUDENT WORKSHOP 2026 HELD AT EMU FACULTY OF PHARMACY

The “Student Workshop 2026” event organized by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Pharmacy, took place at the meeting room of EMU Faculty of Pharmacy. The workshop, organized in collaborations with the Cyprus Turkish Pharmacists Association and EMU Strategy and Project Development Office, was coordinated and moderated by Dr. Jülide Erdal Üngör. Academic staff members and students of EMU Faculty of Pharmacy, as well as the administration of Cyprus Turkish Pharmacists Association and representatives of the pharmacists attended the said event.

The workshop aimed to foster strong communication and collaboration between academic education and professional practice. It also focused on enhancing the internship processes of Eastern Mediterranean University Faculty of Pharmacy students and identifying possible solutions to the challenges encountered during these processes.

In his speech at the event, EMU Faculty of Pharmacy Dean Prof. Dr. H. Ozan Gülcan thanked all participants, particularly the President of the Cyprus Turkish Pharmacists Association, Pharmacist Duygu Adahan Kuran. Prof. Dr. Gülcan highlighted the importance of

considering the perspectives of both internal and external stakeholders in organizing the student workshop. He stated that the event would contribute significantly to the development of the faculty’s academic structure and would represent an important step toward the future of the pharmacy profession. He also noted that the opinions and recommendations gathered during the workshop would be carefully evaluated and that necessary steps would be taken to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of internship processes.

Stressing that the event was the first of its kind, Prof. Dr. Gülcan noted that, in line with the established planning, various topics related

to education and professional practice will be discussed regularly at student workshops to be organized each year.

The President of the Cyprus Turkish Pharmacists Association, Pharmacist Duygu Adahan Kuran also made remarks at the workshop, expressing their joy to be participation at the event. She also stated her belief that the outcomes of the workshop will produce significant results for the pharmacy profession in both educational and professional practice fields.

A certificate ceremony was held at the conclusion of the event, where all the participants were presented with certificates.



## EMU TOLES TEAM COMMENCES TOLES INFORMATION SEMINARS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Law Club TOLES team operating under EMU Faculty of Law began organizing information seminars to promote TOLES program for law students. In this regard, the first seminar was recently held at International Final University.

Organized in collaboration with EMU Law Club and International Final University Law Club, the seminar received strong participation from the students. As part of the seminar, the participants were provided with detailed information about TOLES – Test of Legal English Skills – program and exam system.

During the seminar, TOLES Program and Exam Coordinator Peril Sözgen Emiroğluları delivered a comprehensive presentation, offering insight on the content of the program, exams and the importance of English proficiency in legal field. Moreover, Emiroğluları conducted a sample lesson, presenting the instructional approach of the TOLES program to participants through practical application.

The opening of the event was conducted by Sude Naz Angın – Chair of Law Club at the International Final University, and İrem

Özduygu – Chair of EMU Law Club. Following the opening remarks, TOLES team leader Ata İşsever and team member Emre Yamanlı provided participants with information about the team's establishment, objectives, and ongoing activities.

The EMU TOLES team intends to continue organizing introductory seminars at different universities in order to contribute to the development of law students' legal English skills.

## EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ RELEASES A MESSAGE ON EID AL-FITR

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç released a message on Eid al-Fitr. Prof. Dr. Kılıç conveyed his Eid greetings to the entire EMU community and the public, expressing his wish that the holiday brings peace, health, and well-being to all humanity. The message by Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç reads as follows:

"I extend my heartfelt wishes that Eid al-Fitr brings health, peace, prosperity, and abundance to our nation, the Islamic world, and all humanity. Eid is one of the most meaningful and special times when love, respect, tolerance, and solidarity are strengthened, our unity and togetherness are further consolidated, and our social bonds grow even stronger.

Throughout the holy month of Ramadan, we deeply experienced values such as patience, sharing, and solidarity. Eid is a precious time when these spiritual gains are crowned, hearts unite, resentments are set aside, and hopes are renewed.

Eid holidays are among the most meaningful occasions when we gather with our families and loved ones and demonstrate the finest expressions of unity and togetherness; they embody a sense of oneness and are times when friendship, love, and solidarity are felt most sincerely.

Especially in these difficult times, when our world is marked by war and suffering, we need the spirit of Eid more than ever. My greatest wish is that, with the arrival of this sacred period, wars come to an end and peace and tranquility prevail both in our region and across the world. With these thoughts and sentiments, I extend my heartfelt wishes that Eid al-Fitr—one of the most significant religious holidays in the Islamic world—brings health, peace, prosperity, and happiness to the EMU family, our dear students and graduates, our country, our motherland Türkiye, and all humanity."



**Ramazan Bayramı'nızı** kutlar, sevdiklerinizle birlikte huzurlu bir bayram geçirmenizi temenni ederim.

I extend my sincere greetings on the occasion of **Eid al-Fitr** and wish you a peaceful and joyful holiday with your loved ones.

**Prof. Dr. Hasan KILIÇ**  
Rektör | Rector



# EMU DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS STUDENT SEYED ARTIN SADEGHZADEH STANDS OUT WITH HIS INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Mathematics and Computer Sciences Department student Seyed Artin Sadeghzadeh makes EMU proud with his international achievements and innovative projects. Sadeghzadeh, who carries out research aimed at protecting human life, enhancing public safety and developing environmentally friendly technologies, draws attention with the awards he has received on various international platforms.

### Awarded with Bronze and Gold Medal

Sadeghzadeh's invention titled "The Intelligent Control Device for the Temperature inside the Car" aims to prevent fatal temperature rises that may occur when children or pets are left inside vehicles. The project was awarded a bronze medal at the iENA – International Trade Fair "Ideas, Inventions and New Products", held in Nuremberg, Germany, in 2022. The invention also earned a gold medal at the 2022 Seoul International Invention Fair in Seoul, South Korea, in addition to receiving a gold medal from Poland and a bronze medal from Germany. Furthermore, the National Research Council of Thailand honored the project with the "Best International Invention and Innovation" award, recognizing it among the year's most outstanding international inventions.

### Received Silver Medal

Another important project of Sadeghzadeh's is "Smart Green Sunshade for Cars" stands out as an environmentally friendly technology designed to generate electricity through the thermoelectric effect by utilizing the temperature difference between the interior and exterior of vehicles. The invention was awarded a silver medal at an international event held in Geneva in 2022 and also received a certificate of achievement at iENA 2022 in the same year. This approach to renewable energy production is regarded as an innovative engineering solution developed with a sustainability-oriented perspective.

### Gold Medal Receiving Project

Sadeghzadeh's third invention, "Cross Guardian," is designed as a smart safety system intended to prevent potential accidents at railway level crossings. The system is capable of detecting vehicles trapped between barriers, automatically opening the barriers in emergency situations, and alerting train drivers through an RF-based warning mechanism to reduce the risk of collisions. The project was awarded a gold medal at the IFIA International Invention and Innovation Competition held in Switzerland in 2025.

### "INV" Title Awarded by the International Federation of Inventors' Associations

Sadeghzadeh was also granted the "INV" title by the International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) in recognition of his achievements. The title is awarded to distinguished inventors who meet the criteria determined by IFIA.

### Seyed Artin Sadeghzadeh

Strengthening his academic foundation through mathematics education, Sadeghzadeh participated in the National Nanophysics Olympiad during his high school years and completed international certificate programs in cybersecurity, programming, linear algebra and probability. Adopting an interdisciplinary perspective, the young researcher actively pursues studies in philosophy, logic, political science, sociology and history, while also examining the structural connections between music and mathematics.

Combining scientific curiosity with a strong sense of social responsibility, Seyed Artin Sadeghzadeh has drawn attention through the awards he has received on international platforms. He stands out as a promising young researcher and inventor who is expected to undertake more comprehensive research and innovative projects in the future.



## Alumni Update

### EMU GRADUATE YUNUS OLGAR JOINS ECZACIBAŞI SPORTS CLUB

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Health Sciences, Exercise and Sports Sciences Department graduate Yunus Olgar has begun serving as an assistant coach within the youth categories of Eczacıbaşı Sports Club as of 2025-2026 season. Olgar, who began his sports career in volleyball, has made significant progress in the field of coaching through the on-court experience he gained in a short period of time and his disciplined approach to training.

Olgar, who began playing volleyball in 2019, started his coaching career in 2021 at the Merve Çelebi Volleyball Academy (MCVA). While continuing his role at the academy, he coached the Atatürk Teacher Academy Women's Volleyball Team in the University League for two years. In his first season, he drew attention by leading the team to the final against the Eastern Mediterranean University Women's Volleyball Team.

In summer season of 2024, Olgar got the opportunity to do an internship at Eczacıbaşı Sports Club – on of the most prestigious sports

clubs in Türkiye. Olgar noted that throughout this period he had the opportunity to closely observe the structure of professional sports organizations, training planning and internal club communication models. He emphasized that the experience he gained, particularly in youth development systems, contributed significantly to shaping his coaching vision.

In 2025, Olgar graduated from EMU Exercise and Sports Sciences Department as the top-ranking student. He demonstrated an active profile both in academics and social fields during his undergraduate study. Olgar stated that EMU's research-oriented academic environment, which encourages critical thinking and prepares its students for professional life in a conscious and informed manner, played a decisive role in his professional development.

Olgar stated that his goal is to support the technical, tactical and mental development of young athletes, adding that he aims to continuously improve himself by applying the knowledge and experience

he gains from the technical staff he works with. Combining the academic knowledge he acquired at EMU with his field experience, Olgar emphasized that he will continue his efforts to contribute to Turkish volleyball.



## EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ RELEASES A STATEMENT ON 18 MARCH ÇANAKKALE VICTORY AND COMMEMORATION OF MARTYRS DAY

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç released a statement on the 111th anniversary of 18 March – Çanakkale Victory and Commemoration of Martyrs Day. In the statement emphasizing that the 18 March Çanakkale Victory represents not merely a military achievement but also a powerful symbol of faith, sacrifice, and the spirit of nationhood, Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated the following in his message:

“18 March marks the anniversary of a great epic written in history with golden letters, when the Turkish Nation demonstrated its unwavering love for independence and homeland. The Çanakkale Victory is not merely a military success, but also one of the most powerful symbols of faith, sacrifice, and national unity.

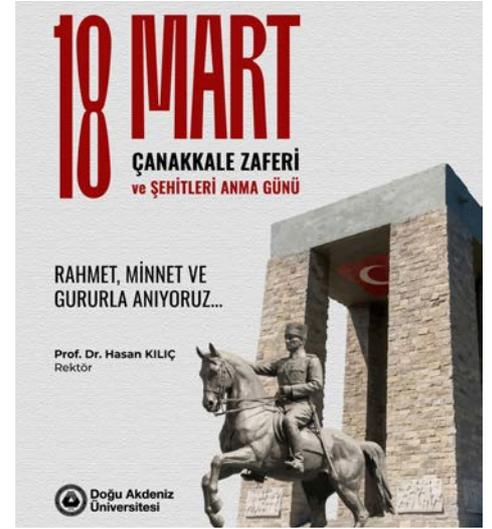
Today, with great enthusiasm and pride, we mark the 111th anniversary of the Çanakkale Victory. 18 March 1915, stands as a symbol of our nation’s unparalleled resistance, determination, and courage in defending our homeland. The battle at Çanakkale was not merely a military

victory, but also a testament to our nation’s fight for independence and freedom.

The revered martyrs who laid down their lives for the homeland in Çanakkale became the foundation of our independence and freedom, entrusting future generations with a legacy of honor. This epic struggle endures in our history as a powerful reminder of what our nation can achieve when united.

Today, our greatest responsibility is to honor the trust of our martyrs by protecting our homeland and working with all our strength to carry the Republic of Türkiye and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus into a stronger future, guided by the values they left us. It is especially important that our youth understand the spirit of Çanakkale and keep this legacy alive. As Eastern Mediterranean University, we will continue to nurture generations who are conscious of this proud history and dedicated to building our country’s future.

With these heartfelt sentiments, I remember with deep respect and gratitude all our heroes,



especially Gazi Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, who wrote an epic in Çanakkale, and our beloved martyrs who laid down their lives for the homeland, and I sincerely wish for the lasting unity and togetherness of the Turkish Nation.”

## EMU FACULTY MEMBER RELEASES A STATEMENT ON WORLD KIDNEY DAY: “PROTECT YOUR KIDNEYS AND THE PLANET WITH SUSTAINABLE EATING”

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Health Sciences Faculty, Nutrition and Dietetics Department academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Müjgan Öztürk released a statement on World Kidney Day. The statement issued by Assist. Prof. Dr. Öztürk reads as follows:

“Every year, the second Thursday of March is celebrated as the World Kidney Day. This year, the day will be observed on 12 March, with the aim of increasing awareness about kidney health



and kidney diseases. Kidney diseases affect people of all age groups, and globally one out of every five men and one out of every four women aged between 65 and 74 lives with chronic kidney failure. The 2026 theme of World Kidney Day has been determined as “Kidney Health for All: Caring for People and Protecting the Planet.” The theme emphasizes that early diagnosis of kidney diseases can be achieved through routine screenings, particularly among high-risk individuals with conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular diseases, and obesity. It is highlighted that early diagnosis enables early intervention, which is important both for protecting patients’ health and safeguarding planetary health in the long term. Moreover, air pollution, rising temperatures, dehydration, and extreme weather events have been identified as factors that increase the risk of chronic kidney disease and accelerate its progression.

Nutrition plays a crucial role in both preventing and treating kidney diseases. The first step in protecting against kidney diseases is ensuring dietary variety and consuming foods from all food groups in a balanced manner. Numerous studies show that the Mediterranean diet—rich in whole grains, olive oil, herbs, vegetables and fruits, fish, legumes, and low-fat dairy products, and low in red meat, saturated

fat, and sugar—has protective effects against kidney diseases.

It is known that 25% of greenhouse gas emissions are attributed to the food sector. Adopting the Mediterranean diet, which is a sustainable dietary pattern, and replacing animal-based proteins with plant-based proteins is important not only for its contribution to protecting kidney health, but also for its role in reducing water and carbon footprints.

In summary, by organizing our meal times, including all food groups and increasing dietary diversity, choosing plant-based protein sources such as legumes and fiber-rich foods, consuming sufficient amounts of vegetables at every meal, including whole grains in our diet, reducing red meat consumption, and avoiding ultra-processed foods, beverages, and excessive salt, we can protect both our kidney health and the environment.

In addition to these recommendations, a regular lifestyle is as essential as proper nutrition in protecting kidney health. In this context, sleeping 7–8 hours every night, maintaining a healthy body weight by losing excess weight, engaging in regular physical activity, avoiding smoking, and limiting alcohol consumption, if one consumes alcohol, are important steps that can help prevent kidney diseases.”

## INFORMATIVE TALK ON PILOTING PROFESSION HELD AT EMU

A talk event titled “How to Become a Pilot? All About Pilots” organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Tourism, Civil Aviation and Cabin Services Program was held at EMU Faculty of Tourism with strong participation.

Pilot Serdar Altunok, a graduate of the Department of Public Relations and Advertising at the EMU Faculty of Communication, attended the event as a guest speaker and shared comprehensive insights on the journey to becoming a pilot, career opportunities in the aviation sector, and pilot training. Referring to his own career path, Altunok conveyed his industry experience to students and offered valuable advice to young people aspiring to pursue a career in aviation.

Speaking at the opening of the event, Acting Dean of the EMU Faculty of Tourism, Assist. Prof. Dr. İlkey Yorgancı, noted that the aviation sector is continuously expanding and that the demand for qualified human resources in this field is steadily increasing. Prof. Dr. Yorgancı also underscored the importance of such events in bringing students together with industry professionals.



Program Coordinator of the Civil Aviation Cabin Services Program, Aslı Akı, provided information about the program and emphasized that students’ engagement with industry representatives makes a significant contribution to their professional development. Akı also noted that EMU will continue to organize events that bring students together with the industry.

During the question-and-answer session of the event, students had the opportunity to ask questions about pilot training, career opportunities in airline companies, and current developments in the aviation sector. The program concluded with a token of appreciation presented to the speaker, Serdar Altunok, followed by a commemorative photo session.

## 131 GASTRONOMY STUDENTS PRESENTED WITH INTERNATIONAL CITY & GUILDS DIPLOMA AT EMU

Students of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Tourism, Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts have achieved a significant international success. During a ceremony held at EMU Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall, total of 131 students were awarded with the international City & Guilds Level 2 Culinary Arts Diploma.

The diploma awarded by City & Guilds, one of the world’s most prestigious vocational qualifications institutions, certifies that students’ knowledge and skills in the field of culinary arts meet international standards. The diploma also demonstrates that, in addition to their theoretical knowledge, students possess strong practical culinary skills, indicating that they have attained the competencies required to compete in the global gastronomy sector.

EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe and EMU Vice Rector for Promotion and Institutional Communication Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren were present during the event.

Delivering the opening speech, Assist. Prof. Dr. İlkey Yorgancı – Acting Dean of EMU Faculty of Tourism – noted that international vocational qualifications play a crucial role on the career development of students. Assist. Prof. Dr. Yorgancı also added that these diplomas enable the graduates to access better opportunities in the global gastronomy sector.



Emphasizing that EMU prepares its students for the global business environment through its education vision aligned with international standards, Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe noted that EMU is featured within the leading universities in the field of hospitality and tourism published by Shanghai Ranking, and that it has maintained this success since 2019.

In his speech, Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe emphasized that one of the most significant distinctions of EMU is its education approach aligned with international standards and its practice-oriented education model that prepares students for the global business environment. Prof. Dr. Karatepe stated that internationally recognized vocational qualification programs such as City & Guilds enable students to acquire not only academic knowledge but also the practical skills required by the industry, and

noted that such international collaborations enhance both the quality of education at EMU and the global competitiveness of its graduates. Underscoring that today’s achievements fully align with Eastern Mediterranean University’s 2030 Vision, Prof. Dr. Karatepe congratulated the students and the academic staff who trained them, and wished them continued and increasing success.

In line with its internationally oriented education approach, Eastern Mediterranean University continues to equip its students not only with academic knowledge but also with professional qualifications and internationally recognized diplomas. The ceremony represented a significant milestone in the students’ career paths and once again highlighted the University’s commitment to practice-based education and global partnerships.

## “GEOPOLITICAL CONSTRUCTIONS OF DE FACTO STATES: FROM ACTOR-CENTRED INTERACTIONS TO ROLE CONCEPTIONS” SEMINAR HELD AT EMU

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Cyprus Policy Center (CPC) and Department of Political Science and International Relations co-organized a seminar titled “Geopolitical Constructions of De Facto States: From Actor-centred Interactions to Role Conceptions”. The opening speech of the event was delivered by Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen – Head of the Department



of Political Sciences and International Relations and, Chair of EMU-CPC – who then introduced guest speaker Prof. Dr. Eiki Berg.

During the seminar moderated by Prof. Dr. Sözen, Prof. Dr. Berg examined the formation of the geopolitical roles of de facto states through the lens of role theory. He underlined that such roles are not determined solely by geographical factors—especially territory, natural resources, and population—but are also shaped by the perceptions of actors and their mutual interactions. Prof. Dr. Berg further noted that de facto states typically arise from secessionist conflicts and are situated within a triangular network of relationships involving the “parent state,” the “patron state,” and various “third parties”.

The presentation also offered insight on role conception, role prescription and role performance, noting that actors operate in accordance with both their self-perceived identities and the roles assigned to them by external actors. It was emphasized that role coherence and counter-role dynamics play a crucial role in this process. Prof. Dr. Berg underlined that de facto states are not passive structures, but rather strategic actors capable of shaping and constructing their own roles.



Held with strong participation, the seminar concluded following the question-and-answer session, during which evaluations were made regarding the status of de facto states in the international system and their geostrategic positions.

## “INTERVENTIONIST RESEARCH: THE CASE OF THE CZECH CITIZEN PARLIAMENT ON MEDIA AND DEMOCRACY” SEMINAR HELD AT EMU

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Cyprus Policy Center (CPC) and EMU Faculty of Business and Economics, Department of Political Science and International Relations co-organized a seminar titled “Interventionist Research: The Case Of The Czech Citizen Parliament On Media And Democracy”.

At the opening session of the seminar, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen – EMU CPC Chairperson and

Head of EMU Department of Political Science and International Relations – introduced Prof. Dr. Nico Carpentier to the participants.

In the seminar, Prof. Dr. Carpentier stressed that academic research should not be limited to analyzing social processes and should also contribute to solving societal problems through the development of intervention-oriented methods. He drew attention to the

close relationship between the interventionist research approach and traditions such as action research and participatory research. According to Prof. Dr. Carpentier, this approach is grounded in researchers working collaboratively with social actors to develop solutions to real-world problems and assessing the outcomes at both theoretical and practical levels.

The seminar also addressed the relationship between participation and representation in debates on democracy. In this context, Prof. Dr. Carpentier discussed the example of the “Media and Democracy Citizens’ Parliament” held in Czechia in 2025, explaining that citizens selected from different segments of society engaged in deliberative discussions on issues such as the media system, media representation and media participation, and developed policy recommendations. He noted that the process resulted in various proposals related to media ethics, strengthening journalism, media diversity and citizen participation.

Following the evaluations on the role of citizens’ assemblies and similar participatory mechanisms in strengthening democracy, the seminar concluded with a question-and-answer session moderated by Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen.



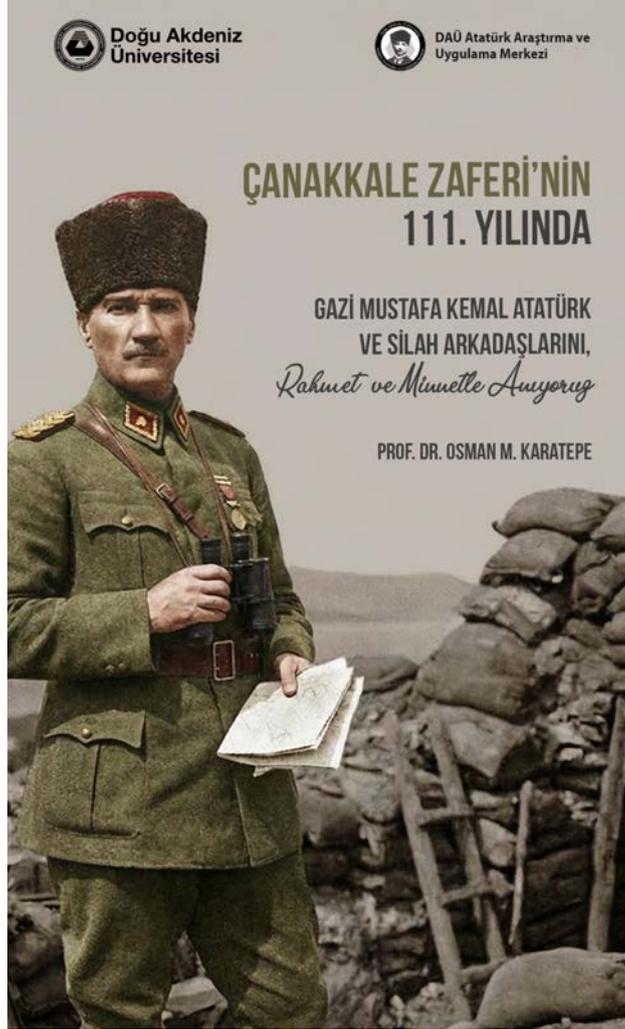
## PROF. DR. OSMAN M. KARATEPE RELEASES A STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF EMU-ATAUM ON 18 MARCH ÇANAKKALE VICTORY AND COMMEMORATION OF MARTYRS DAY

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe released a statement on behalf of EMU Atatürk Research and Application Center (ATAUM) on the 111th anniversary of 18 March, Çanakkale Victory and Commemoration of Martyrs Day. The statement reads as follows:

“The Republic of Türkiye, now with more than a century of history, was founded through a great struggle under the leadership of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. A defining turning point of this struggle was the Çanakkale Battles, where naval, land, and limited air operations were carried out together. The resistance at Çanakkale became the first spark of the National Struggle that would follow and revealed to the world the Turkish nation’s unwavering determination for independence. The Çanakkale Naval Victory of 18 March 1915, which holds a special place in our history, was recorded as the first major military success of the Ottoman Empire after a long period during which it had been referred to by European opinion as the “sick man.”

It was a battle of life and death, where the strength of the Turks and Mustafa Kemal was demonstrated with a resounding victory over the great powers. Mustafa Kemal had the opportunity to showcase his military genius and leadership qualities in Çanakkale, earning a special place in the heart of the Turkish nation. In this regard, the Çanakkale Victory was not only a military success, but also a crucial turning point that paved the way for the War of Independence, the founding of the Republic of Türkiye, and the subsequent reforms. Following the collapse of an empire, the Turkish nation rebuilt a new state order in a strong and determined manner under the leadership of its chief architect, Mustafa Kemal.

The Çanakkale Victory, born from immense struggle and faith, marks a pivotal moment not only in Turkish history but also in world history.



It demonstrated to the world that even overseas colonial empires with the most advanced weapons and enormous navies could be defeated. The plans of the Allied Powers to pass through the Dardanelles and capture Istanbul ultimately failed, significantly affecting the course of the war. Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Secretary at the time, highlighted the historical significance of the Çanakkale Victory, stating, “No event in history

has nullified plans and forecasts, disrupted decisions, or broken strategic rules as much as the Çanakkale Battle”.

The impact of this significant conflict on Cyprus unfolded in a unique manner. Unfortunately, the reunion of Turkish Cypriots, who harbored the belief that one day they would reunite with Turkish administration, with the Turks who arrived from the mainland after a long time occurred under bitter circumstances when Turkish prisoners of war from the Çanakkale battles were brought to the Karakol Prison Camp in Famagusta by the British authorities. These Turkish prisoners endeavored to break free from captivity and reach Anatolia before being apprehended by the British. The primary support and assistance in this endeavor originated from within the Turkish Cypriot community. On this occasion, it is also essential to remember with respect and gratitude the Turkish Cypriots who demonstrated great sacrifice in aiding the Çanakkale prisoners of war brought from the motherland.

The Çanakkale Victory should be regarded not only as a military success achieved in the past, but also as one of the strongest symbols of the Turkish nation’s spirit of independence, unity, and solidarity. This victory holds great significance as it demonstrates the determination of a nation that, even under the most adverse conditions, fought with strong will and resolve to sustain its presence on the stage of history. Therefore, Çanakkale is not merely a battlefield; it continues to maintain its importance today as a symbol of resistance and sacrifice embedded in the national memory

On the 111th anniversary of the Çanakkale Victory, we commemorate with gratitude and reverence our Great Leader Mustafa Kemal Atatürk and his comrades, who achieved a great victory for the Turkish nation. We also commemorate our martyrs who lost their lives while fighting for our country, with our deepest appreciation, gratitude and longing.”

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