

EMU MAKES ITS MARK ON THE MOST INFLUENTIAL SCIENTISTS IN THE WORLD LIST

20 EMU ACADEMICS GAIN 34 RECOGNITIONS ON THE 'MOST INFLUENTIAL SCIENTISTS IN THE WORLD' LIST OF STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Twenty academics from Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) have earned a place among the world's most highly cited scientists in the "World's Most Influential Scientists" lists published on 7 October 2026. The lists were compiled as part of a study conducted by a team of American and Dutch researchers under the coordination of Stanford University in the United States. Notably, nearly all of the EMU academics included in these internationally recognized lists

are citizens of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), making this achievement a significant source of pride for both EMU, as a state university, and the country.

The study, conducted with the support of Elsevier B.V. using data from Scopus, identified the world's most highly cited scientists, with 249,310 researchers featured on the "Single-Year Impact" list and 243,949 scientists included on the "Career-Long Impact" list. > pg. 2-3

STANFORD-ELSEVIER 2026 - SCIENTIFIC IMPACT DATABASE

**EMU
Academics**
Recognized in the Global
Scientific Impact Rankings

34

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

The 2026 update of the citation-based scientific impact database featured a total of 34 academic achievements by Eastern Mediterranean University.

20 in SINGLE-YEAR LIST

14 in CAREER-LONG IMPACT LIST



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EMU 60+ SENIOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM / UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE HOLDS THE FIRST LECTURE OF 2026-2027 ACADEMIC YEAR



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) held the first lecture of 2026-2027 Academic Year at the "60+ Senior Development Program / University of The Third Age" guided by the principle of active and healthy ageing for individuals over 60. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç delivered the event which took place on Friday, 9 October 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

Commenced with the EMU 60+ Oath, the first lecture was attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Vice Rector for Promotion and Institutional Communication Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, Health Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, Head of the Department of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Prof. Dr. Mitat Koz, Chair of Elderly Rights

and Mental Health Association Prof. Dr. Hatice Jenkins, Senior Development Program / University of The Third Age Project Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zehra Güçhan Topçu, Senior Development Program / University of The Third Age Executive Board Member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Süheyla Üçışık Erbilin, faculty members, volunteering educators who support the program and, students enrolled in the program. > pg. 4-5

EMU MAKES ITS MARK ON THE MOST INFLUENTIAL SCIENTISTS IN THE WORLD LIST

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20 EMU Academics Featured on the Single-Year and 14 on the Career-Long Impact List

EMU achieved a total of 34 academic distinctions in the World's Most Influential Scientists rankings, with 20 academics featured on the Single-Year Impact list and 14 recognized on the Career-Long Impact list.

Career-Long Impact List

Scientist	Field	World (Europe)	Türkiye	TRNC
Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe	Sports, Leisure & Tourism	10th (3rd in Europe)	1st in Field / 1th 15th Overall	1st
Prof. Dr. Ali Övgün	Nuclear & Particle Physics	865th	1st	1st
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Akeem Adeyemi Oladipo	Chemical Engineering	427th	7th	1st
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Babak Safaei	Mechanical Engineering & Transportation	545th	5th	1st
Prof. Dr. Nazım İ. Mahmudov	General Mathematics	184th (57th in Europe)	3th	1st
Prof. Dr. Hasan Kömürcügil	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	186th	3rd	1st
Prof. Dr. Salih T. Katırcıoğlu	Economics	407th	1st	1st
Prof. Dr. İzzet Sakallı	Nuclear & Particle Physics	3.456th	14th	3rd
Dr. Emad Sobhani	Civil Engineering	1.339th	31st	1th
Prof. Dr. Seyedhabibollah Mazharimousavi	Nuclear & Particle Physics	2.944th	11th	2nd
Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel	Artificial Intelligence & Image Processing	6.370th	82nd	1th
Prof. Dr. Omar Mustafa	Nuclear & Particle Physics	3.482th	16th	4th
Prof. Dr. Osman Kükrer	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	650th	8th	2nd
Prof. Dr. Benedek Nagy	Artificial Intelligence & Image Processing	10.889th	145th	3rd

International Recognition across Diverse Scientific Disciplines

EMU academics have earned recognition in the rankings across a wide range of disciplines, including tourism, physics, mathematics, economics, chemistry, various branches of engineering, artificial intelligence, and image processing. These achievements highlight the citation impact and international reach of the scientific research conducted at the University across multiple fields.

Among the distinguished academics featured in the rankings, Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe ranked 10th worldwide, 3rd in Europe, and 1st in Türkiye in the field of Sports, Leisure & Tourism on the Career-Long Impact list, while also securing 15th place in Türkiye's overall rankings. On the Single-Year Impact list, Prof. Dr. Karatepe ranked 14th globally, 6th in Europe, and 1st in Türkiye in the same field, achieving 8th place in Türkiye's overall rankings.

On the Single-Year Impact list, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Akeem Adeyemi Oladipo ranked 31st worldwide, 7th in Europe, and 2nd in Türkiye in the field of Chemical Engineering, while also securing 49th place in Türkiye's overall rankings. Prof. Dr. Ali Övgün ranked 44th globally, 17th in Europe, and 1st in Türkiye in the field of Nuclear & Particle

Physics, achieving 20th place in Türkiye's overall rankings. Meanwhile, Prof. Dr. Nazım İ. Mahmudov secured 83rd place worldwide, 33rd in Europe, and 3rd in Türkiye in the field of General Mathematics.

Also featured on the same list, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Babak Safaei ranked 91st worldwide, 19th in Europe, and 5th in Türkiye in the field of Mechanical Engineering & Transportation, while securing 67th place in Türkiye's overall rankings. Prof. Dr. Hasan Kömürcügil, meanwhile, achieved 101st place globally, 32nd in Europe, and 1st in Türkiye in the field of Electrical & Electronic Engineering.

EMU Academics Make Their Mark on TRNC Rankings

EMU academics continued to demonstrate their outstanding achievements in the overall rankings of the TRNC. Six EMU academics secured positions among the top 10 in the TRNC Career-Long Impact rankings. Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe ranked 1st overall in the TRNC, followed by Prof. Dr. Nazım İ. Mahmudov in 4th place, Prof. Dr. Salih T. Katırcıoğlu in 5th, Prof. Dr. Ali Övgün in 6th, Prof. Dr. Hasan Kömürcügil in 8th, and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Babak Safaei in 9th. Similarly, five EMU academics ranked among the top 10 in the TRNC Single-Year Impact rankings.

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14 EMU Academics
Featured on Career-Long Impact List
 Based on Citations Received until the end of 2025 (field)

CAREER-LONG IMPACT

Prof. Dr. Osman M. KARATEPE
 Prof. Dr. Nazım İ. MAHMUDOV
 Prof. Dr. Salih T. KATIRCIÖĞÜ
 Prof. Dr. Ali ÖVGÜN
 Prof. Dr. Babak SAFAEI
 Assoc. Prof. Dr. AKEEM ADEYEMI OLADIPO
 Prof. Dr. Seyedhabibollah MAZHARIMOUSAVI
 Prof. Dr. Hasan KÖMÜRCÜGİL
 Prof. Dr. Osman KÜKRER
 Prof. Dr. Hasan DEMIREL
 Prof. Dr. İzzet SAKALLI
 Prof. Dr. Omar MUSTAFA
 Dr. Emad SOBhani
 Prof. Dr. Benedek NAGY

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Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe once again claimed the top position, while Prof. Dr. Ali Övgün ranked 3rd, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Akeem Adeyemi Oladipo 4th, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Babak Safaei 6th, and Prof. Dr. Nazım İ. Mahmudov 9th.

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20 EMU Academics
Featured on Single-Year Impact List

Based on Citations Received in 2025

SINGLE-YEAR IMPACT

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6 EMU Academics among the Top 10 in the TRNC

Overall Ranking Across All Disciplines

Career-Long Impact

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Among the World's Top 100 Researchers in Their Field

EMU Academics Ranked Among the World's Top 100 in Their Respective Fields

TOP 100

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Single-Year Impact List

Scientist	Field	World (Europe)	Türkiye	TRNC
Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe	Sports, Leisure & Tourism	14th (6th in Europe)	1st in Field / 8th Overall	1st
Prof. Dr. Ali Övgün	Nuclear & Particle Physics	44th (17th in Europe)	1st in Field / 20th Overall	1st
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Akeem Adeyemi Oladipo	Chemical Engineering	31st (7th in Europe)	2nd in Field / 49th Overall	1st
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Babak Safaei	Mechanical Engineering and Transformation	91st (19th in Europe)	5th in Field / 67th Overall	1st
Prof. Dr. Nazım İ. Mahmudov	General Mathematics	83rd (33rd in Europe)	3rd	1st
Prof. Dr. Hasan Kömürçügil	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	101st (32nd in Europe.)	1st	1st
Prof. Dr. Salih T. Katircioğlu	Economics	467th	1st	1st
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arran Fernandez	General Mathematics	252nd	6th	2nd
Prof. Dr. İzzet Sakallı	Nuclear & Particle Physics	893rd	4th	2nd
Dr. Emad Sobhani	Civil Engineering	396th	10th	1st
Prof. Dr. Seyedhabibollah Mazharimousavi	Nuclear & Particle Physics	1.489th	9th	3rd
Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel	Artificial Intelligence and Image Processing	9.898th	141st	4th
Prof. Dr. Mustafa Gazi	Polymers	2.530th	39th	1st
Prof. Dr. Omar Mustafa	Nuclear & Particle Physics	3.093rd	18th	4th
Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan	General Mathematics	1.521st	24th	3rd
Prof. Dr. Osman Kükrer	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	1.406th	14th	2nd
Dr. Mehdi Darbandi	Networking & Telecommunication	4.393rd	48th	2nd
Prof. Dr. Müberra Koşar	Medicinal & Biomolecular Chemistry	2.151st	38th	2nd
Prof. Dr. Qasım Zeeshan	Aerospace Engineering	1.294th	13th	1st
Prof. Dr. Benedek Nagy	Artificial Intelligence & Image Processing	10.841st	162nd	5th

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STANFORD-ELSEVIER 2026 - TRNC

5 EMU Academics among the Top 10 in the TRNC

Overall Ranking Across All Disciplines

Single-Year Impact

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"We Are Proud of Our Academics"

Commenting on this remarkable achievement, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated: "The foundation of our University's success in research lies in the dedication and hard work of our academics, who consistently produce high-quality scientific research. International collaborations, research projects conducted with our master's and doctoral students, scientific publications, and the citations these publications receive all contribute to strengthening EMU's research capacity and international visibility.

We take great pride in seeing our academics featured on both the Single-Year and Career-Long Impact lists. It is particularly encouraging to see not only our distinguished academics, who have contributed to our University for many years, but also our emerging researchers receiving international recognition. I firmly believe that these achievements serve as a source of inspiration and motivation for our students and fellow researchers.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all our academics who have earned a place on these prestigious lists and express my sincere appreciation to the research teams and postgraduate students who have contributed to their scientific endeavors. Enhancing our University's research environment and supporting high-quality scientific output will remain among our foremost priorities."

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“Reached 115 Students”

In her opening speech, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zehra Güçhan Topçu, Senior Development Program / University of The Third Age Project Coordinator, noted that the program has reached 115 students with the new enrollments in the 2026-2027 academic year. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Topçu stated that approximately 60 of the 70 students who participated in the program last year had renewed their registrations this year, emphasizing that this was a significant indication of the trust and commitment students have developed toward the program. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Topçu also expressed pride in the fact that this level of participation had been achieved solely through the pre-

registration process, without any promotional activities beyond the communication channels of the University of the Third Age.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Topçu explained that the curriculum had been carefully developed to reflect the needs, interests, and expectations of participants, noting that 13 courses across a variety of disciplines would be offered this semester. Highlighting that the program encompasses foreign languages, self-care, dance, communication, clinical Pilates, music, painting, basic healthcare, nature, digital literacy, and sports, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Topçu stated that the four-year educational journey is designed to support students' personal growth and

development in a broad range of areas, from health and the arts to technology and personal enrichment.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Topçu indicated that they aimed to create an environment that fosters friendship, social interaction, and shared experiences beyond the classroom. In this regard, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Topçu announced plans to establish a Travel Club this semester, followed by Theatre and English Clubs in the coming periods. Emphasizing that participants are at the heart of the program through their questions, ideas, and valuable life experiences, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Topçu expressed gratitude to everyone who contributed to the project and extended best wishes for a





new academic year filled with health, happiness, learning, and lasting friendships.

The opening speeches continued with an address by Prof. Dr. Ceren Gezer who talked about longevity. Following her speech, Prof. Dr. Gezer was presented with a bouquet by Senior Development Program / University of The Third Age Project Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zehra Güçhan Topçu. The event continued with the introduction of faculty members who will be involved in the Senior Development Program / University of The Third Age program, during which they introduced themselves and outlined their respective roles and responsibilities within the program.

“An Environment where Experience and Knowledge Meets with New Information”

In his address, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç expressed his pleasure in delivering the first lecture to the participants, emphasizing that what brings together individuals of different ages and life experiences is their shared curiosity and passion for learning. Prof. Dr. Kılıç explained that the University aims to create an environment

where participants can enrich the knowledge and experience they have accumulated over the years with new learning opportunities. He also warmly welcomed the participants as students and valued members of the EMU family.

Highlighting the importance of lifelong learning in acquiring new skills, building friendships, and making more informed decisions, Prof. Dr. Kılıç underscored the valuable role of participants' life experiences in fostering connections between generations. Emphasizing the significance of mutual learning and the exchange of experiences within the university environment, Prof. Dr. Kılıç encouraged participants to ask questions, share their interests and curiosities, and actively engage in the learning process. He concluded by extending his best wishes for a productive, enjoyable, and rewarding semester filled with meaningful learning experiences and lasting friendships.

“Learning Knows No Age: Experience, Curiosity, and New Beginnings”

The first lecture was delivered by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç under the title “Learning

Knows No Age: Experience, Curiosity, and New Beginnings.” During his presentation, Prof. Dr. Kılıç explored the benefits of learning in everyday life, the importance of combining accumulated life experiences with new knowledge, and the need to critically evaluate the reliability of information. Drawing on examples from daily life, Prof. Dr. Kılıç highlighted the importance of questioning the authenticity of messages claiming that recipients have won prizes and verifying information through multiple sources. Encouraging participants to reflect on their learning expectations and the experiences they would like to share with younger generations, Prof. Dr. Kılıç invited participants to identify a subject they wished to explore during the semester and establish a personal learning goal. At the end of the first lecture, Project Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Topçu presented EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç a bouquet. The event concluded with a group photo shoot.



EMU DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND FINANCE TO HOLD THE 9TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BANKING AND FINANCE PERSPECTIVES

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Business and Economics, Department of Banking and Finance will organize the 9th edition of the International Conference on Banking and Finance Perspectives (ICBFO'2026). Being organized with the theme of "Digital Finance: Cryptocurrencies, Fintech and CBDCs" this year, the event will take place on 22-23 October 2026 at the EMU Faculty of Business and Economics.

Prof. Dr. Erhan Aslanoğlu from Istanbul Bilgi University will be featured as an invited keynote speaker during the conference which will be sponsored by Cyprus Turkish Cooperative Central Bank (KoopBank).

Prof. Dr. Nesrin Özataç, Conference Co-Chair, emphasized that the conference would address a wide range of topics, including cryptocurrencies, financial technologies (fintech), and central bank digital currencies, as well as digital banking, financial market volatility and efficiency, sustainable and green finance, Islamic finance, corporate finance, monetary policy, and financial stability.

"Conference Series Continues to Enhance Its International Visibility Each Year"

Conference Co-Chair and Chair of EMU Department of Banking and Finance Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nigar Taşpınar, stated that this year's International Conference on Banking and Finance Perspectives would once again attract broad international participation. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Taşpınar further emphasized that, in addition to contributing to the country's academic landscape, the conference series plays a significant role in promoting Northern Cyprus as a hub for science and education.

"The Conference Contributes to Our Faculty's International Visibility"

Dean of EMU Faculty of Business and Economics, Prof. Dr. Mustafa Besim, highlighted the significance of the conference for the Faculty. Prof. Dr. Besim noted that the conference series, which has been held annually without interruption for nine years, has strengthened the Faculty's international academic collaborations and fostered knowledge exchange by bringing together researchers from different

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countries. Emphasizing the timely relevance of this year's theme, "Digital Finance," Prof. Dr. Besim stated that it brings rapidly evolving fields such as cryptocurrencies, financial technologies, and central bank digital currencies to the forefront of academic discussions. He further expressed his belief that the conference would make a valuable contribution to strengthening collaboration and interaction between academia and the financial sector.

Over 70 Submissions from 28 Different Countries

The conference received more than 70 submissions from 28 countries, including the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), Türkiye, the United States, the Netherlands, Belgium, Croatia, China, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan,

Uzbekistan, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Iraq, Oman, Palestine, Egypt, Tunisia, Morocco, Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya, Ethiopia, Cameroon, and Mexico. During the conference, academics, researchers, and industry representatives specializing in their respective fields will present their papers through both in-person and online sessions.

Prestigious Academic Publication Opportunity

Full-length papers presented at the conference will be considered for publication in Springer's Proceedings in Business and Economics series, indexed in Scopus, following a separate peer-review process. Further information about the conference is available on the official website at <https://icbfp.emu.edu.tr>.

Upcoming Events

"TRUST AND TRUTH IN THE AGE OF AI" TO BE DISCUSSED AT EMU

Center of Research and Communication for Peace (CRCP), operating under the Faculty of Communication at Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), will hold the 8th International Communication and Media Studies Conference on 12-14 November 2026 at Prof. Dr. Aysel Aziz Hall located in the EMU Faculty of Communication. Being organized with "Yapay Zekâ Çağında Güven ve Hakikat (Trust and Truth in the Age of AI)" theme this year, the conference will be opened on Monday, 12 November 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

The conference will explore the growing impact of artificial intelligence on the production, circulation, and consumption of information within the framework of truth, trust, ethics, reliability, and accountability.

CRCP Chairperson Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nülüfer Türksöy stated that the conference aims to bring together researchers from different disciplines to engage with current debates in the fields of communication and media. She noted that the conference will feature discussions on a broad range of topics, from journalism and political communication to strategic communication, advertising and public relations, as well as digital platforms, visual culture, cinema, and new forms of storytelling enabled by artificial intelligence.

Stating that the conference aims to bring together national and international academics, researchers, and postgraduate students, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Türksöy added that paper proposals in both Turkish and English are being accepted.

EMU Faculty of Communication Dean Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy stated that the increasing speed of access to information and content production brought about by artificial intelligence has also raised new questions concerning accuracy, reliability, ethical responsibility, and the role of media professionals. Prof. Dr. Ersoy noted that, by bringing together academics and researchers from different disciplines, the conference will contribute to a comprehensive discussion of the impact of this transformation on the fields of communication and media. He also emphasized that the conference will host a wide range of significant academic studies.

Keynote Speakers: Prof. Dr. Thomas Hanitzsch and Prof. Dr. Mustafa Halilsoy

Prof. Dr. Thomas Hanitzsch, one of the leading scholars in international journalism research, and Prof. Dr. Mustafa Halilsoy, a faculty member of the EMU Department of Physics and an expert in theoretical physics, are among the invited speakers of the conference. Based at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Prof. Dr. Hanitzsch is widely known for his research on comparative journalism, journalism cultures, war reporting, and the transformation of the journalism profession. He served as President of the International Communication Association (ICA) during the 2025–2026 term and currently continues to chair the Worlds of Journalism Study, an international research project that comparatively examines journalism across the globe.

Prof. Dr. Mustafa Halilsoy serves as a Distinguished Professor in the EMU Department of Physics. His areas of expertise include Einstein's theory of general relativity, exact solutions to Einstein's field equations, gravitational waves, black holes and wormholes, as well as related space-time structures. Prof. Dr. Halilsoy has been conducting research in the fields of general relativity and mathematical physics for many years and has authored numerous international scientific publications.

The conference call for papers, application requirements, and further details are available on the conference webpage at crp.emu.edu.tr.

12-13-14 November 2026
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8th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
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TRUTH AND TRUTH IN THE AGE OF AI

Keynote Speaker
Prof. Dr. Thomas Hanitzsch
Department of Media and Communication
Ludwig-Maximilian University Munich

12-13-14 Kasım 2026
Gazimağusa, Kuzey Kıbrıs

8. ULUSLARARASI İLETİŞİM VE MEDYA ÇALIŞMALARI KONFERANSI

YAPAY ZEKÂ ÇAĞINDA HAKİKAT VE GÜVEN

Açılış Konuşmacısı
Prof. Dr. Thomas Hanitzsch
Medya ve İletişim Bölümü
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

Call for Papers: by 28th September 2026
Extended to 11th October 2026

Bildirî Çağrısı: 28 Eylül 2026'ya kadar
11 Ekim 2026'ya kadar uzatılmıştır

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Call for Papers: by 11th October 2026

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Prof. Dr. Mustafa Halilsoy
Department of Physics,
Eastern Mediterranean University

In Search of Truth in Nature and the Possible Role of AI

10:00am / 13 November 2026 / Prof. Dr. Aysel Aziz Hall, FCMS, EMU

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Prof. Dr. Thomas Hanitzsch
Department of Media and Communication
Ludwig-Maximilian University Munich

Tribal Epistemology: Truth, Trust, and the Media in an Age of AI

11:00am / 12 November 2026 / Prof. Dr. Aysel Aziz Hall, FCMS, EMU

EMU AND TRNC MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT SIGN A COLLABORATION PROTOCOL FOR JUNCTION IMPROVEMENT AT EMU'S MAIN ENTRANCE



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Ministry of Public Works and Transportation have signed a collaboration protocol covering environmental improvements, lighting, landscaping, maintenance, repairs, and cleaning works at the junction located at EMU's main entrance. The protocol was signed

by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and Undersecretary Murat Salel on behalf of the Ministry of Public Works and Transportation.

Under the cooperation protocol, the junction at EMU's main entrance will undergo a series of improvement works, including environmental enhancements, the installation of lighting

systems, landscaping, and regular maintenance, repair, and cleaning activities. All works will be carried out under the supervision of the Department of Highways.

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç expressed his hope that the signed protocol would yield positive outcomes. He noted that the planned improvements would enhance the overall appearance of the University's main entrance, creating a more orderly and aesthetically pleasing environment. Murat Salel, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Public Works and Transportation, likewise expressed his best wishes for the successful implementation of the protocol, highlighting the importance of regular junction maintenance, environmental improvements, and ensuring traffic safety.



EMU-URDC BRINGS ITALIAN ARCHITECTS TOGETHER WITH STUDENTS AND ACADEMICS

A seminar entitled "Sustainability Applied at Every Scale" was held under the organization of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Urban Research and Development Center (URDC), featuring Giulia Bertolucci and Rodolfo Collodi, partners at the Italy-based architectural firm Studio AxS – Architettura x Sostenibilità, as guest speakers.

Moderated by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ege Uluca Tümer, a faculty member of the EMU Faculty of Architecture, the seminar brought together students and academic staff to explore ecological architectural approaches that integrate sustainability into design processes at various scales. Bertolucci

and Collodi shared insights into the design of healthy, safe, and energy-efficient buildings, as well as sustainable strategies for the renovation and improvement of existing building stock.

The speakers also provided information on ecological approaches to new construction, environmentally responsible renovation methods, and practices aimed at improving the energy performance of buildings. Particular emphasis was also placed on strategies designed to reduce energy consumption while enhancing indoor comfort and overall building performance.

Sustainable Architectural Practices Highlighted Through Real-World Projects

During the seminar, examples of completed projects designed by Studio AxS were presented to demonstrate how sustainability principles are translated into architectural practice. The presentations also highlighted the importance of responsible material use, energy efficiency, and the adoption of long-term, resilient approaches to the design and transformation of the built environment.

The interactive question-and-answer session of the seminar, students and academic staff had the



opportunity to exchange ideas with the speakers on sustainable design, building renovation strategies, energy efficiency, and architectural practice. Bertolucci and Collodi responded to the questions, sharing their professional experiences and perspectives.

The seminar fostered the exchange of knowledge and experience between architectural education and professional practice, offering participants valuable insights into the practical applications of sustainability in architecture. The event also underscored the roles and responsibilities of architects and interior architects in creating healthier, more environmentally responsible, and energy-efficient built environments.



REHABILITATION AND SOCIAL PARTICIPATION IN CEREBRAL PALSY DISCUSSED AT EMU



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) organized a student panel titled “Unique and United: Rehabilitation and Social Participation in Cerebral Palsy” on the occasion of 6 October, World Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day. Held in organization with the Pediatrics Unit of Department of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation operation under EMU Faculty of Health Sciences, EMU Disabled Students Unit and, Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Club (Fizyoclub), the event took place on Wednesday, 7 October 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Champion Angels Amphitheatre located at the EMU Faculty of Health Sciences.

Moderated by Prof. Dr. Emine Handan Tüzün, a faculty member of EMU Department of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zehra Güçhan Topçu, Senior Development Program / University of The Third Age Project Coordinator, and Assist. Prof. Dr. Ünal Değer, Vice Chair of the Department, the panel event was specifically organized for the students of the Department of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation.

EMU Health Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, Vice Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yasin Yurt, academic staff members and students attended the panel event which featured Specialist Physiotherapists Elif Kenber and Hakan Akın participated in the panel as speakers, while Ünsal Emre Gülenler and Barış Satılmış, both living with cerebral palsy, attended as special guests.

Delivering the opening address of the event, Prof. Dr. Malkoç emphasized that hosting events aimed

at raising public awareness and contributing to students’ professional development forms an integral part of the Faculty’s core vision. Prof. Dr. Malkoç concluded her remarks by expressing her hope that the event would prove productive and beneficial for all participants.

Following the opening remarks, panel moderator Prof. Dr. Tüzün explained that the panel sought to explore cerebral palsy in relation to individuals’ independence, educational experiences, social relations, and active participation in society. Emphasizing that approaches to cerebral palsy should extend beyond clinical assessment to embrace all aspects of an individual’s life, Prof. Dr. Tüzün expressed her hope that the panel would provide aspiring physiotherapists with valuable insights and contribute to broadening their professional perspectives. Prof. Dr. Tüzün also extended her appreciation to the speakers and students for their contributions to the event.

As part of the panel, Specialist Physiotherapist Elif Kenber delivered a presentation titled “From Diagnosis to Everyday Life with Cerebral Palsy: Every Individual Has a Unique Story”, highlighting the diverse ways in which cerebral palsy can affect individuals and emphasizing the importance of considering individual differences in mobility, communication, cognitive functions, and daily life skills throughout the rehabilitation process. Underscoring the significance of establishing individualized goals, the presentation stressed that rehabilitation outcomes should not be assessed solely in terms of walking ability

and motor skills, but should also encompass participation in play, education, friendships, and community life.

In his presentation titled “Inclusion, Accessibility, and Social Participation”, Specialist Physiotherapist Hakan Akın focused on the environmental and societal barriers that limit individuals’ participation in community life. Addressing access to education, transportation, social activities, and healthcare services, the presentation also highlighted the importance of augmentative and alternative communication methods, the role of families, and children’s right to express their own preferences. The presentation further explored how students of the Department of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation could contribute to fostering a more inclusive society in their future professional careers.

During the discussion session of the event, special guests Ünsal Emre Gülenler and Barış Satılmış shared their personal experiences with students, offering insights into independence, educational experiences, social relationships, and participation in society. Aiming to foster a holistic understanding of the lives of individuals with cerebral palsy, the panel emphasized the importance of encouraging future physiotherapists to shape their professional approaches around individuals’ needs, preferences, and goals for meaningful participation in everyday life.



EMU PARTICIPATES IN TRNC RESEARCH CENTERS ECOSYSTEM MEETING WITH A STRONG DELEGATION



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) shared its research vision at a meeting that brought together research centers from five universities. EMU also assumed responsibility for moderating the discussion table dedicated to the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK), the Health Institutes of Türkiye (TÜSEB), and international programs.

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) was represented by a strong delegation at the meeting titled “Research Centers Ecosystem in TRNC Higher Education: Experience Sharing, Areas of Collaboration, and Future Perspectives,” held on Friday, 2 October 2026, and hosted by the Near East University Center of Excellence. Representing EMU at the meeting were Prof. Dr. Ali Hakan Ulusoy, Director of the Institute of Graduate Studies and Research; Prof. Dr. İzzet Sakallı, Coordinator of the Academic Projects and Research Development Office; Assoc. Prof. Dr. Babak Safaei, Director of the Nanotechnology and Multifunctional Structures Research Center; Assoc. Prof. Dr. Süheyla Uçışık Erbilin, Director of the Center for Women’s Studies; Assoc. Prof. Dr. Amber Eker Bakkaloğlu, Director of the Clinical Application and Research Center, Doctor Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine and Assist. Prof. Dr. Pınar Uluçay, Member of the Urban Research and Development Center.

Brought Together Over 50 Representatives

Held at the Near East University Artificial Intelligence, Informatics and Innovation Center, the meeting brought together more than 50 representatives from the centers of excellence, research centers, and institutes of Eastern Mediterranean University, Girne American University, European University of Lefke, Cyprus International



University, and Near East University. In addition to attracting considerable interest from the participating universities, the meeting was attended by heads and representatives of various institutions and organizations affiliated with the Higher Education Planning, Evaluation, Accreditation and Coordination Council (YÖDAK), the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TİKA) Nicosia Program Coordination Office, the Ministry of National Education, and the Ministry of Economy and Energy. Representatives from the Education Office of the Embassy of the Republic of Türkiye in Nicosia and the Development and Economic Cooperation (KEİ) Office also participated in the meeting.

The opening addresses were delivered by Prof. Dr. Murat Özgören, Director of the Near East University Center of Excellence; Prof. Dr. Umut Aksoy, Vice Rector of Near East University; and Prof. Dr. Hasan Amca, Vice Chair of YÖDAK. The speakers highlighted the growing international visibility of universities in the TRNC and emphasized the significant progress made in strengthening their capacity for high-quality scientific research. They also underscored the importance of bringing this research potential together within a collaborative framework to facilitate joint research projects and attract external research funding.

EMU’s Research Capacity and Opportunities for Collaboration Highlighted

During the first session of the meeting, participating universities delivered brief presentations outlining their research capacities, priority research areas, examples of best practices, and the structural challenges they face. Representing EMU, Prof. Dr. İzzet Sakallı provided participants with an overview of the University’s research capacity, prominent fields of study, and opportunities for interinstitutional collaboration. The presentations highlighted the strong position achieved by TRNC universities in producing high-quality scientific publications of international standing. Particular emphasis was placed on the need to translate this research potential more effectively into collaborative projects and opportunities for securing external research funding.

EMU Makes Its Mark across All Five Roundtable Discussions

In the second part of the program, representatives from

different universities came together in five mixed-institution roundtable discussions to explore a shared research vision, available resources, and potential areas of collaboration. The discussions focused on strengthening national and international research and collaboration networks among universities; opportunities for sharing laboratories, infrastructure, and resources; developing joint interdisciplinary research projects; exploring possibilities for joint applications to funding programs offered by TÜBİTAK, TÜSEB, and other international funding bodies; enhancing research excellence in TRNC higher education; and developing a roadmap for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with particular emphasis on the role of research centers.

EMU was represented at all five roundtable discussions, with members of its delegation participating in different working groups. Throughout the discussions, the delegation members shared insights into EMU’s research infrastructure, the expertise and achievements of its research centers, and potential areas for collaboration, contributing to the development of joint recommendations.

EMU to Host the Next Workshop

At the conclusion of the meeting, rapporteurs from each roundtable presented summaries of the discussions, and a series of joint action proposals was identified. Key recommendations included making universities’ research infrastructure and areas of expertise more visible, launching joint calls for research proposals, promoting researcher mobility, and establishing coordinated mechanisms for applying to research funding programs.

It was also agreed to establish a working group comprising representatives from all five universities, with the aim of transforming the initiative into a sustainable platform for institutional collaboration through regular meetings. EMU was proposed as the host institution for the next workshop, a proposal that was unanimously approved. Through its active participation in the meeting, EMU reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening research collaboration within TRNC higher education and continuing to play a leading role in advancing joint research initiatives and institutional partnerships.

EMU PARTICIPATES IN TEKNOFEST 2026

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) participated in TEKNOFEST 2026, one of Türkiye's largest aviation, space, and technology festivals, as an academic stakeholder, highlighting its international academic collaborations, enhancing its institutional visibility, and showcasing its technology-driven vision.

Held under the leadership of the Türkiye Technology Team Foundation (T3) and the Republic of Türkiye Ministry of Industry and Technology, TEKNOFEST 2026 Southeast took place between 30 September and 4 October 2026 at Şanlıurfa GAP Airport. Organized with the contributions of public institutions, private sector organizations, and universities, the festival welcomed 1.3 million visitors over five days, with the total number of visitors reaching 1.5 million. Aiming to promote scientific innovation and foster young people's interest in technology in line with Türkiye's National Technology Initiative, the festival featured a wide range of activities, including technology competitions, scientific exhibitions, workshops, aerial displays, and various other events.

EMU Met with Visitors

EMU showcased its academic expertise, institutional identity, and educational opportunities at the festival. The EMU stand was coordinated by Prof. Dr. Sahand Daneshvar, Faculty Member of the Department of Industrial Engineering at the EMU Faculty of Engineering and Technology Competitions and Projects Coordinator. Faruk Öncel and Mehmet Demirkan, staff members of the EMU Şanlıurfa Liaison Office, represented the University during the event.

Throughout the festival, the EMU stand attracted considerable interest from students, EMU alumni residing in Şanlıurfa and neighboring provinces, schoolteachers, university academics, and representatives of public institutions and private sector



organizations. EMU graduate Ozan Eliküçük, who currently serves as a Bayraktar UAV pilot at Baykar, also visited the stand, highlighting the University's strong ties with its alumni and their professional achievements across various sectors.

EMU Stand Attracted Attention from High-Profile Visitors

Among the distinguished visitors to the EMU stand were President of the Council of Higher Education (YÖK) Prof. Dr. Erol Özvar, senior commanders of the Turkish Armed Forces, and rectors and academics from various universities. The visual materials displayed at the stand attracted considerable interest from university academics and schoolteachers. These visits provided a valuable opportunity to promote EMU's standing in higher education and strengthen its relationships with the academic community.

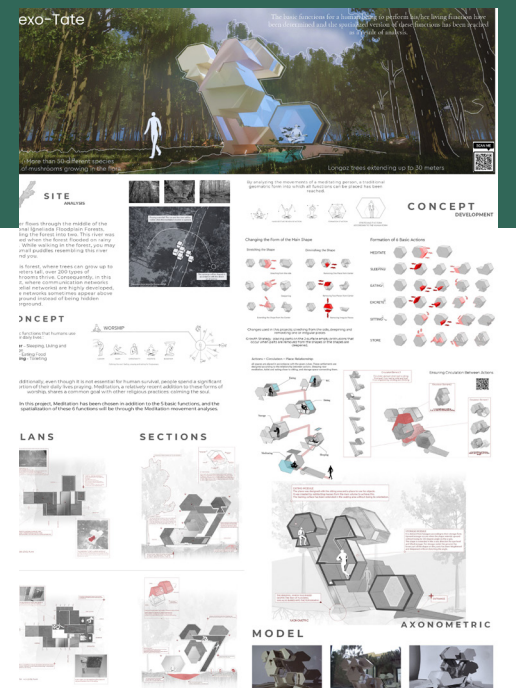
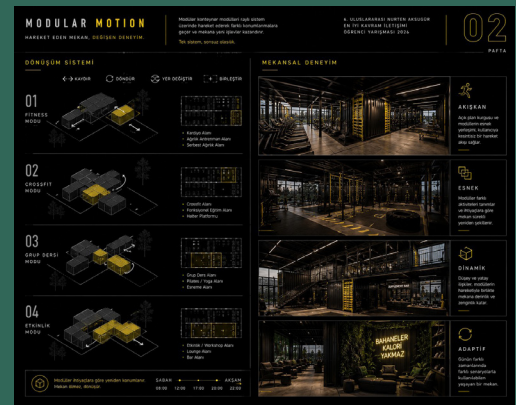
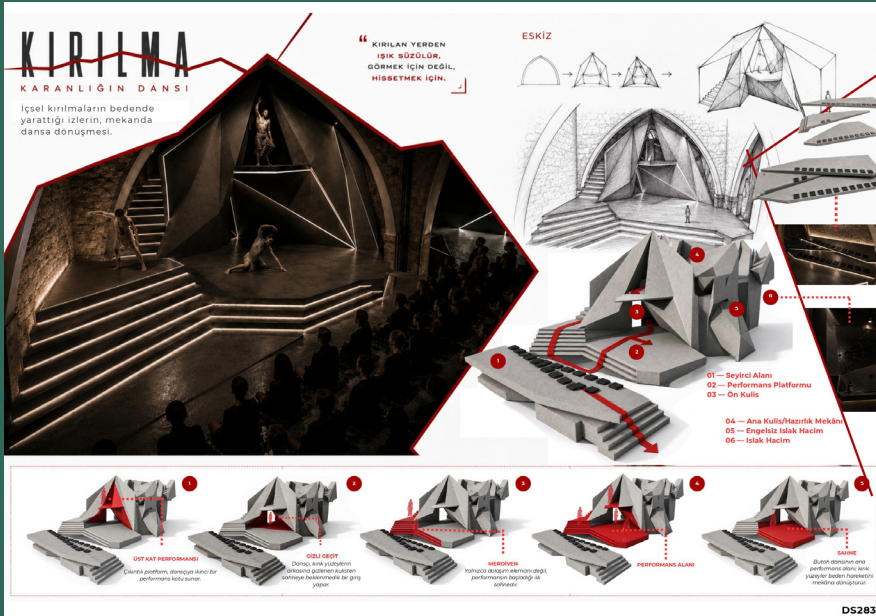
The festival was also attended by President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, who presented awards to the winning teams on 3 October 2026, as well as Selçuk Bayraktar, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the T3 Foundation. Supported by a total of 157 stakeholder institutions, TEKNOFEST 2026 Southeast served as an important platform for strengthening collaboration among universities, industry, and public institutions, while promoting Türkiye's national technology vision to a wider audience.

EMU Will Continue to Contribute to the Innovative Endeavors of the Future

Commenting on EMU's participation in TEKNOFEST 2026 Southeast, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç emphasized the importance of the University closely following emerging developments in science, technology, and innovation and actively participating in prominent events of this nature. Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated, "As EMU, we are delighted to take part in significant events such as TEKNOFEST, which encourage young people to engage in scientific and technological innovation while strengthening collaboration between universities, public institutions, and the private sector. I believe that our participation has contributed to enhancing our University's engagement with the academic community, strengthening our ties with alumni, and increasing our visibility at the national level. As EMU, we will continue to share our academic knowledge and expertise with wider audiences, foster young people's interest in science and technology, and contribute to the development of innovative endeavors of the future."



AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE 6TH INTERNATIONAL NURTEN AKSUGÜR EİKİ STUDENT COMPETITION



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Architecture, Department of Interior Architecture organized the 6th edition of the International Nurten Aksugür Best Concept Communication (EİKİ) Student Competition. Attracting a total of 43 project submissions from 14 universities nationally and internationally, the competition recognized outstanding projects selected through a jury evaluation process.

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) student Dila Elçi secured first place in the competition, followed by Rümeysa Çakır from Istanbul Technical University in second place and Ömercan Aşar from EMU in third place. Honorable Mention Awards were presented to İrem Özdemir from MEF University, who received recognition for two separate projects, and Nazife Gamze Diken from Karadeniz Technical University.

The competition's jury brought together distinguished figures from academia and the design industry. The jury comprised Prof. Dr. Erdal Aksugür, Prof. Dr. Özge Cordan, Prof. Dr. Zeynep Tuna Ultav, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hacer Başarır Dindîç, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Guita Farivarsadri, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Devrim Yücel Besim, Assist. Prof. Dr. Eliz Erdenizci, Chair of the TRNC Chamber of Interior Architects Pembe Komut, and design and architecture professionals Yalın Tan, Levent Çırpıcı, and Burcu Şenparlak.

A Meaningful Competition Ahead of the 30th Anniversary

EMU Faculty of Architecture, Department of Interior Architecture Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hacer Başarır Dindîç stated that the competition holds particular significance for the Faculty and the Department as they prepare to celebrate their 30th anniversary. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dindîç emphasized that the academic legacy of the late Prof. Dr. Nurten Aksugür, who played a pioneering role in establishing the Department and served as its Founding Chair from 1997 to 2001, continues to be honored and preserved through this competition held in her name.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dindîç highlighted that the competition provides students with a valuable opportunity to develop their creative thinking skills, effectively communicate their design ideas, and showcase their work on an international platform. She further noted that initiatives of this nature, which bring together aspiring designers from different universities, play a significant role in fostering academic exchange and strengthening design culture. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dindîç also extended her gratitude to the jury members for their contributions to the evaluation process; Assist. Prof. Dr. Seyit Ermiyagil and Research Assistant Seren Ogan for their efforts in organizing and coordinating the competition; Assoc. Prof. Dr. Guita Farivarsadri for her contributions to the competition's development

since its first edition; and the Aksugür family for their invaluable support in ensuring its continuity.

Assist. Prof. Dr. Seyit Ermiyagil and Research Assistant Seren Ogan, both members of the competition's organizing committee, also expressed their appreciation to the participating students and jury members who contributed to the evaluation process, while congratulating the award-winning students. They further highlighted the importance of supporting emerging designers and creating opportunities for them to express their creativity. Bringing together aspiring designers from different universities through their shared passion for design, the competition provided students with an opportunity to showcase their creative ideas, explore diverse perspectives, and share their work with a wider audience.

WORLD FIRST AID DAY STATEMENT FROM EMU HEALTH SCIENCES FACULTY MEMBERS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Nursing faculty member Prof. Dr. Gülten Sucu Dağ and Department of Nursing First and Emergency Aid Program Coordinator Dr. Gülcan Dürüst Sakallı issued a statement entitled “World First Aid Day: Accurate Knowledge, Timely Intervention, A Life-Saving Step” on the occasion of World First Aid Day. The statement included the following:

“Observed every September, World First Aid Day is marked through various activities around the world with the aim of raising public awareness about first aid and improving individuals’ ability to respond correctly and promptly in emergency situations. Celebrated each year under a different theme, this special day emphasizes that first aid is not merely an individual skill, but also plays a vital role in helping communities remain prepared for emergencies, demonstrate solidarity, and support one another in times of need.

The theme of World First Aid Day 2026 has been designated as “On the Move, But Not Alone.” The theme draws attention to the importance of ensuring that individuals are not left alone in emergency situations, supporting one another when needed, and acting collectively as a community in matters related to first aid. Promoting first aid knowledge throughout society helps individuals become better prepared for emergencies not only for their own safety, but also for the safety and well-being of those around them.

First aid encompasses the actions taken with the resources available in cases of accidents, injuries, or sudden health problems until medical teams arrive at the scene, with the primary aim of preserving life. In



an emergency, the first person to provide assistance is often not a healthcare professional, but someone who happens to be nearby. This further highlights the importance of first aid training for society as a whole.

A correct intervention carried out at the right time can save lives. Simple yet appropriate actions, such as initiating basic life support, responding correctly to severe bleeding, or contacting emergency medical services without delay, can be vital in emergency situations. For this reason, it should be remembered that first aid knowledge is not merely a professional skill required of healthcare workers; it is important for every member of society to have basic first aid knowledge.



First aid training not only equips individuals with knowledge and practical skills, but also gives them the confidence to respond appropriately in an emergency. Therefore, it is of great importance to ensure the continuity of first aid training and to make it accessible to different segments of society. Raising awareness of first aid is important not only for responding to individual emergencies, but also for strengthening communities’ preparedness for disasters and other emergency situations. In traffic accidents, workplace accidents, accidents at home, natural disasters, and many other emergencies that may occur in daily life, having basic first aid knowledge can help ensure that the critical period before professional medical teams arrive is managed more effectively and appropriately.”

EMU ACADEMIC ASSIST. PROF. DR. ÖZDE DEPRELİ HIGHLIGHTS THE IMPORTANCE OF PROPER POSTURE FOR DESK WORKERS

“Protect Your Health at Your Desk: Proper Posture and Exercise”



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Özde Depreli issued a statement of the importance of proper posture for desk workers. The said statement reads as follows:

“With the increasing use of computers and smartphones, the amount of time spent sitting during the working day has also risen. When prolonged sitting during commuting and at home is taken into account, a large part of the day may be spent physically inactive. To help desk-based employees maintain their health, it is important to consider working posture, ergonomic conditions, and daily movement habits together.

Remaining in the same position at a desk for prolonged periods may lead to muscle fatigue and discomfort in the lower back, neck, back, and shoulders. Leaning the head forward to view the screen, sitting without adequate support, or using the keyboard with the

shoulders raised may place excessive strain on certain parts of the body. Posture, which refers to the alignment of different parts of the body in relation to one another, is closely linked to our working habits. However, good posture does not mean sitting perfectly upright without moving throughout the entire day. Likewise, every change in posture should not automatically be interpreted as a sign of pain or illness; musculoskeletal complaints should be assessed together with the individual’s working habits.

Adjust Your Workspace to Suit Your Needs

Create a seating arrangement that supports your back and allows your feet to rest comfortably on the floor. If you constantly need to lean forward to see the screen, reconsider the position of your workstation. Avoid unnecessarily raising your shoulders when reaching for the keyboard and mouse. For those who work on a laptop for extended periods, using a separate keyboard and mouse can make it easier to position the screen at a more suitable height and angle.

Make Short Movement Breaks Part of Your Day

Try to remember to stand up or change your position approximately every half hour. You do not need to take a long break; a few minutes of walking, getting some water, or gently moving your shoulders and upper body can be enough. Standing while talking on the phone or choosing to walk short distances can also help increase your overall level of movement throughout the day.

Preventive physiotherapy helps identify potential risks before problems develop and supports the adoption of healthier habits. A physiotherapist can assess an individual’s posture, mobility, muscle strength, flexibility, and any strain experienced during work. Based on this assessment, recommendations can be provided to improve working habits, together with an

exercise program tailored to the individual’s needs. The aim is not simply to change posture, but to make daily activities more comfortable and to improve overall physical capacity.

An exercise program designed for the workplace or after work should include stretching, strengthening, and core stability exercises. While stretching exercises help maintain flexibility, exercises performed with resistance bands, light weights, or body weight can help improve muscle strength. Exercises targeting the core muscles should also be incorporated into the program, as they help support the spine and improve trunk control during movement. The type, intensity, and progression of the exercises should be tailored to the individual’s health status and level of physical fitness.

Maintaining health while working at a desk requires a workspace tailored to the individual, regular movement throughout the day, and consistent exercise. It is also important for employers, where possible, to encourage movement breaks and provide appropriate ergonomic arrangements. If pain recurs frequently or begins to affect daily life, a healthcare professional should be consulted for an individual assessment. Employees and employers seeking detailed information and training on exercises that can be performed in the workplace may contact the Eastern Mediterranean University Healthy Living Application and Research Center. Individuals experiencing musculoskeletal complaints or requiring physiotherapy may also obtain further information from the Center regarding assessment and physiotherapy services tailored to their individual needs.”

EMU DEPARTMENT OF PHYSIOTHERAPY AND REHABILITATION PEDIATRIC UNIT ISSUES A STATEMENT ON 6 OCTOBER – WORLD CEREBRAL PALSY DAY



EMU Health Sciences Faculty, Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Department, Pediatric Unit released a statement on 6 October – World Cerebral Palsy Day. The statement by Health Sciences Faculty members and Department of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation, Pediatric Unit members Prof. Dr. Emine Handan Tüzün, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zehra Güçhan Topcu and Assist. Prof. Dr. Ünal Değer, reads as follows:

“Building a More Inclusive World by Embracing Our Differences in Cerebral Palsy”

Every individual has their own unique story, dreams, talents, and expectations of life. Some of us move around by walking, while others use wheelchairs. Some express themselves through speech, while others communicate in different ways. Our differences are a natural part of being human. What truly matters is creating a world where these differences do not lead to inequality or exclusion.

Every year, World Cerebral Palsy Day, observed on 6 October, brings us together around a shared message. This year, the theme “Unique and United” once again reminds us of the importance of unity in diversity. This message calls on us to recognize the diverse experiences, priorities, and aspirations of individuals with cerebral palsy and to embrace these differences as a shared responsibility in building a more inclusive society. After all, every individual is unique, and no diagnosis can ever tell the whole story of a person’s life.

“Cerebral Palsy Is More than Just a Diagnosis”

Cerebral palsy is a permanent condition that affects the development of movement and posture as a result of a disturbance in the developing brain. However, a diagnosis of cerebral palsy alone does not define who a person is, what they are capable of achieving, or the kind of life they can lead. While some individuals with cerebral palsy can walk independently, others may rely on assistive devices. Some express themselves through speech, while others use alternative and augmentative communication methods. Cognitive abilities, daily living skills, communication patterns, and support needs also vary from one individual to another. For this reason, it is important not to define individuals with cerebral palsy solely by their diagnosis, the way they move, or the assistance they may require. Like everyone else, they are individuals with their own interests, preferences, goals, and dreams. They have the same right as anyone else to play, make friends, receive an education, pursue a career, participate in social life, and make decisions about their own lives. Being unique means recognizing and respecting each individual’s distinct characteristics and needs. Being united, on the other hand, means taking collective responsibility for building a society in which everyone enjoys equal rights and opportunities, without seeking to eliminate the differences that make each person unique.

“Barriers Are Not Always Within Individuals, but Often in the World around Them”

The challenges experienced by individuals with cerebral palsy are not solely the result of their personal circumstances or abilities. Physical and

social barriers, such as inaccessible pavements, school buildings that fail to accommodate diverse needs, limited transportation options, restricted access to assistive technologies, and societal prejudices, can significantly affect their everyday lives and limit their opportunities for full participation in society. Simply being able to enroll in school does not necessarily ensure that a child can benefit from educational opportunities on an equal footing with their peers. Similarly, the opportunity to apply for a job does not mean that the workplace provides an accessible and supportive environment suited to an individual’s needs. In the same way, the existence of healthcare services does not necessarily guarantee that everyone can access and benefit from them equally.

Therefore, inclusivity goes beyond simply acknowledging and accepting individual differences. It also requires ensuring that these differences do not become sources of exclusion or unequal opportunities. Equality is not merely about providing everyone with the same resources or opportunities; it also involves ensuring that individuals have access to support tailored to their specific needs and can participate meaningfully in all aspects of life. Accessibility is not a privilege, but a fundamental prerequisite for equal participation in society.

“Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation: The Goal Is Not Merely Movement, but Active Participation in Life”

Early diagnosis, regular monitoring of development, and access to healthcare and rehabilitation services tailored to individual needs are essential in the management of cerebral palsy. Physiotherapy and rehabilitation play a vital role in improving motor skills, promoting functional independence, preventing secondary musculoskeletal complications, and enhancing participation in everyday life. However, the success of rehabilitation cannot be measured solely by whether a child is able to walk. A child’s ability to play with friends, take part in school activities, express their own preferences, and achieve greater independence in daily life is just as important as improvements in their motor abilities.

Throughout this process, close collaboration among physiotherapists, physicians, occupational therapists, speech and language therapists, special education specialists, and other healthcare professionals is essential. Equally important is ensuring that not only families but also children themselves are actively involved in setting goals and making decisions, in ways that are appropriate to their age, developmental stage, and communication abilities. After all, person-centered rehabilitation is not about applying the same approach to everyone, but rather about recognizing and responding to each individual’s unique needs, preferences, and aspirations. The ultimate goal is not to make individuals conform to predetermined expectations, but to provide them with the support they need to realize their full potential and participate meaningfully in everyday life.

“Supporting Families, Listening to Children’s Voices”

Cerebral palsy is a condition that shapes not only the lives of individuals diagnosed with it but also those of their families. From navigating the diagnosis and accessing rehabilitation services to securing educational opportunities and addressing concerns about the future, families may face a wide range of responsibilities. It is therefore essential to ensure that families have access to accurate information, psychosocial support, accessible healthcare services, and reliable professional guidance.

However, supporting families should never mean overlooking the voices of the children themselves. Children’s views should be heard, their preferences respected, and their involvement in decisions affecting their own lives encouraged to the greatest extent possible. It is important to recognize that communication extends far beyond spoken language. Body movements, gestures, and augmentative and

alternative communication (AAC) tools can also enable individuals to express themselves and make their voices heard. We must remember that every child is much more than a recipient of rehabilitation services. They are, first and foremost, children who want to play, learn, explore, make friends and experience happiness.

Awareness is Our Collective Responsibility

The purpose of World Cerebral Palsy Day is not merely to raise awareness and provide information about cerebral palsy, but also to translate that awareness into meaningful action and tangible change. Achieving this requires creating opportunities for individuals with cerebral palsy to share their personal experiences, express their priorities, and voice the changes they wish to see in society. As healthcare professionals, we have a responsibility to provide evidence-based, person-centered services that address individual needs and recognize the importance of lifelong support. At the Pediatric Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Unit of the EMU Department of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation, we are committed to promoting equal opportunities for children with diverse needs to participate fully in educational activities and social life. Educators should strive to create inclusive learning environments where all students have equal opportunities to learn and develop their potential. Local authorities and relevant institutions must work towards ensuring that physical environments, transportation systems, and essential services are accessible to everyone. As a society, we must learn to look beyond what individuals may be unable to do and instead recognize their abilities, choices, achievements, and valuable contributions to society.

Most importantly, when discussing issues concerning individuals with cerebral palsy, we must move beyond simply speaking on their behalf. We need to create meaningful opportunities for them to make their voices heard, express their perspectives, and actively participate in decision-making processes. True inclusion is not just making room for a community, but also about empowering its members to shape their own future.

“United Not Just for One Day, but Every Day”

6 October offers us all an opportunity to reflect on an important question: What changes do we expect individuals with cerebral palsy to make in order to navigate everyday life more easily? More importantly, what changes can we make ourselves and within the environments around us to improve their quality of life? Perhaps it means making a school entrance accessible, providing a child with an appropriate communication aid, or simply taking the time to ask them what they want... Change often begins with seemingly small steps that can make a profound difference in an individual’s life. Turning these individual efforts into widespread and lasting change requires collective action by individuals, families, healthcare professionals, educators, institutions, and society as a whole. Rather than defining the lives of individuals with cerebral palsy solely by the challenges they face, we must highlight their experiences, achievements, aspirations, and contributions to society. We must approach them with respect rather than pity, promote equality rather than exclusion, and embrace understanding of individual differences rather than making assumptions about their abilities or needs. On this World Cerebral Palsy Day, let us embrace the message “Unique and United” not merely as a slogan, but as a shared responsibility reflected in our everyday actions. Every individual is unique, and every voice deserves to be heard and valued. A more inclusive world becomes possible when we embrace our differences, respect everyone’s rights, and work together towards a society where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

EMU DISABILITY SUPPORT UNIT PROMOTES CAMPUS ACCESSIBILITY AND INDEPENDENT MOBILITY

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Disability Support Unit provided a white cane and organized practical training to support a student with visual impairment in navigating the university campus safely and independently.

Conducted by Prof. Dr. Salih Çakmak, a faculty member of the Department of Special Education at EMU Faculty of Education, the training offered hands-on instruction in the fundamental skills required for the effective and safe use of a white cane.

The training session, attended by representatives of the EMU Disability Support Unit and a fellow student providing peer support, covered proper white cane handling techniques, environmental awareness, obstacle detection, and safe navigation. The training aimed to enhance the student's independent mobility skills and facilitate their active participation in campus life.

Experiencing the excitement of navigating independently with a white cane, the student expressed gratitude to Prof. Dr. Çakmak for providing the training and stated that the newfound confidence gained through using the white cane would encourage greater participation in social life.

"The White Cane Is a Symbol of Independence and Freedom"

Following the training session, EMU Disability Support Unit Coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Ünal Değer expressed her gratitude to Prof. Dr. Çakmak for his valuable contributions, emphasizing that the white cane serves as both an essential mobility aid that enables individuals with visual impairments to navigate their surroundings safely and a powerful symbol of freedom.

Assist. Prof. Dr. Değer noted that the proper use of a white cane enables individuals with visual impairments to navigate their surroundings safely, enhances their freedom of movement, and promotes greater independence in daily life. She further explained that the primary objective of the training was to equip the student with the skills and confidence needed to navigate the university campus safely and independently.

Expressing how meaningful it was for the Unit to contribute to the development of another student's independent mobility skills, Assist. Prof. Dr. Değer underscored the importance of social awareness and collective responsibility in creating accessible environments and ensuring the sustainability of such initiatives. She concluded by expressing her hope for a future in which everyone works together to build a more accessible and barrier-free environment.



EMU ACADEMIC ASSOC. PROF. DR. HÜLYA FIRAT KILIÇ DISCUSSES "ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSCIOUS NURSING" AT THE INTERNATIONAL BASIC NURSING CARE CONGRESS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Health Sciences Faculty, Nursing Department academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hülya Fırat Kılıç served as a guest speaker at the 8th National and 4th International Basic Nursing Care Congress organized on 1-3 October 2026 by Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Nursing at Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University (ÇOMU), with the support of TUBITAK.

Held at the Troya Cultural Center under the main theme of "Care for Sustainable Health," the congress was chaired by Prof. Dr. Selma Atay, a faculty member of the Department of Nursing at the Faculty of Health Sciences, Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University (ÇOMU). Bringing together nurses, academics, researchers, and healthcare professionals, the congress aimed to contribute to improving the quality of nursing care, promoting the exchange of scientific knowledge and professional experience, and strengthening the role of the nursing profession in achieving sustainable health goals.

Participating in the congress as an invited speaker, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hülya Fırat Kılıç delivered a presentation entitled "Environmentally Conscious Nursing." In her presentation, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kılıç drew

attention to the impacts of climate change on human health and well-being, emphasizing the vital role of healthcare professionals in developing protective and preventive approaches aimed at mitigating the adverse effects of climate change.

Highlighting the World Health Organization's (WHO) projection that climate change could result in approximately 250,000 additional deaths annually between 2030 and 2050 due to factors such as malnutrition, malaria, diarrheal diseases, and extreme heat stress, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kılıç emphasized that nurses bear a significant responsibility in developing practices aimed at safeguarding both human health and the future of the planet. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that environmental awareness is not a concept subsequently incorporated into the nursing profession, but rather an integral component of Florence Nightingale's foundational philosophy of nursing. Underscoring that human health cannot be considered independently of environmental factors, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kılıç emphasized the importance of nurses adopting a holistic approach to care that recognizes the interconnectedness of individuals, society, and the environment.



The congress brought together a total of 522 attendees, including 42 session chairs and invited speakers, as well as 480 participants. The event contributed to strengthening scientific exchange and collaboration in the field of fundamental nursing care while also providing a valuable platform for integrating the principles of sustainable healthcare into nursing practices.



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