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EMU BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND EMU RECTOR'S OFFICE VISIT TURKISH AMBASSADOR TO NICOSIA ALİ MURAT BAŞÇERİ

Recai Ergün, recently appointed President of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Board of Trustees (VYK), and EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, accompanied by a university delegation, paid a courtesy visit to Ali Murat Başçeri, the Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye to Nicosia. The visit, held at the Ambassador's office on Friday, 30 October 2026, was attended by EMU VYK Members Özdinç Akdel, Dr. Eyüp Göksü, Lütfü Oflaz, and Hulus Hulusioğlu; EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren; and Rector's Office Private Secretary Kazım Hakverdi.



The visit, which took place following the commencement of the new term of office of EMU VYK, provided an opportunity for the university delegation to meet with the Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye to Nicosia, Ali Murat Başçeri, and exchange views on EMU's ongoing activities, institutional priorities, and objectives for the forthcoming period. Discussions also addressed the university's position within the higher education sector and the significance of maintaining strong institutional relations with the Republic of Türkiye.

Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye to Nicosia Ali Murat Başçeri expressed his pleasure at welcoming the EMU delegation and extended his best wishes to EMU Board of Trustees President Recai Ergün for success in his new role. During the visit, EMU Board of Trustees President Ergün and EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç presented Ambassador Başçeri with a commemorative silver plate to mark the occasion. The visit concluded with an exchange of mutual goodwill and best wishes.



EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ ATTENDS GLOBAL HIGHER EDUCATION CORRIDORS FORUM

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç attended the Global Higher Education Corridors Forum and the Eurasian Universities Association (EURAS) Strategic Roundtable Meeting, hosted by İstanbul Aydın University on 13-14 November 2026. The event, organized within the framework of EURAS, of which EMU is also a member, focused on enhancing international cooperation in higher education and strengthening academic ties among universities.

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EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ ATTENDS GLOBAL HIGHER EDUCATION CORRIDORS FORUM

Bringing together academics and university administrators from over 20 countries, the forum explored international research networks, student mobility, and opportunities for collaboration among universities. Aiming to establish higher education corridors connecting Europe, Asia, and the Arab world, the event provided a platform for participating institutions to exchange experiences and develop partnerships in pursuit of shared objectives.







“We Aim to Build a Shared Future through the Unifying Power of Education”

Commenting on the meeting, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated that, in line with its internationalization objectives, EMU places great importance on strengthening cooperation with higher education institutions across Europe, Asia, and the Arab world. Prof. Dr. Kılıç noted that the event, which aimed to bring together universities’ experiences in pursuit of shared goals, provided an opportunity to discuss the challenges faced by the higher education sector in recent years. He further explained that participants evaluated the steps to be taken collectively and developed a common roadmap for future cooperation. Emphasizing their commitment to strengthening trust among institutions and promoting peace among nations through the unifying power of education, Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that they would continue working towards building a shared future for young people by taking international cooperation to the highest possible level.

Prof. Dr. Kılıç also extended his sincere appreciation to EURAS President Prof. Dr. Mustafa Aydın, Istanbul Aydın University Rector Prof. Dr. İbrahim Hakkı Aydın, as well as the university’s administrators, organizing committee, and staff for their kind invitation and warm hospitality.

Plaque Presented to Prof. Dr. Kılıç

As part of the event program, EURAS President and İstanbul Aydın University Board of Trustees Chairperson Prof. Mustafa Aydın presented a plaque to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç in recognition of his participation and contributions to the meeting.

About Eurasian Universities Association (EURAS)

Established in 2008, the Eurasian Universities Association (EURAS) is an international non-profit organization dedicated to fostering cooperation among higher education institutions across Europe and Asia. The association, of which EMU is also a member, aims to promote internationalization in higher education and facilitate the exchange of knowledge and experience among universities. Through joint research projects, student and academic staff exchange programs, and scientific conferences, EURAS contributes to strengthening academic, social, and cultural cooperation among higher education institutions.

COLLABORATION PROTOCOL SIGNED BETWEEN EMU AND CYPRUS TURKISH PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and the Cyprus Turkish Pharmacists Association (KTEB) signed a collaboration protocol aimed at strengthening the practical aspects of pharmacy education and better equipping future pharmacists with the knowledge and skills needed for their professional careers. The protocol was signed by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and President of the Cyprus Turkish Pharmacists Association, Dr. Umut Öksüz, during a signing ceremony held on Friday, 6 November 2026, at 02:00 p.m.







Present during the signing session were; EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Faculty of Pharmacy Dean Prof. Dr. Hayrettion Ozan Gülcan, Vice Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mehmet İlktaç and, Cyprus Turkish Pharmacists Association Member and Famagusta Regional Board Committee Chair Bahar Güzer.

"International Achievements of EMU Faculty of Pharmacy Are a Source of Pride"

In his address, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated that, as a university, EMU attaches great importance not only to scientific research and knowledge production but also to strengthening its ties with the wider community. In this regard, Prof. Dr. Kılıç emphasized that the cooperation protocol to be signed with the Cyprus Turkish Pharmacists Association would further strengthen collaboration between the university and the professional sector. Highlighting the significance of the protocol for students, Prof. Dr. Kılıç expressed his belief that students would have the opportunity to reinforce the theoretical knowledge acquired during their education through practical experience gained in the professional field.

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç expressed pride in the international achievements of the EMU Faculty of Pharmacy and the high quality of education it provides, emphasizing the significant progress the faculty has made towards delivering education in accordance with international standards. Prof. Dr. Kılıç noted that the EMU Faculty of Pharmacy, which commenced its academic activities in the 2011–2012 Academic Year, has demonstrated its compliance with international educational standards through its programs accredited by the US-based Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) and the Germany-based Accreditation Agency in Health and Social Sciences (AHPGS). He also drew attention to the faculty's strong connections with international academic networks. Referring to the site visit conducted by an ACPE delegation in October 2026, during which the faculty's curriculum, theoretical and practical training facilities, and quality standards underwent a comprehensive evaluation, Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that these developments have further reinforced the faculty's international standing. Highlighting the international accomplishments of the faculty's graduates as further evidence of the quality of education offered, Prof. Dr. Kılıç pointed to EMU graduate Pharm.D. Sina Mirzaalilou, who achieved the highest score among international candidates in the Iranian National Pharmacy Board Examination with 113 points, and Pharm.D. Sahand Alizadeh, another EMU graduate who attained the highest score in the same examination the previous year. Prof. Dr. Kılıç further emphasized the university's commitment to building upon these achievements by fostering stronger ties with the professional sector and ensuring that students' education, delivered in line with international standards, is complemented by valuable practical experience.

Cooperation with KTEB to Set an Example for Society

President of the Cyprus Turkish Pharmacists Association, Dr. Umut Öksüz, stated that the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) is recognized as a center of education, emphasizing that ensuring the successful integration of educated individuals into society is equally important. Describing the protocol as a clear demonstration of this commitment, Dr. Öksüz highlighted the significance of such collaborations in setting a positive example for both society and various professional sectors. Dr. Öksüz concluded his remarks by expressing his hope that the protocol would bring positive outcomes for all parties involved.

Dean of the EMU Faculty of Pharmacy Prof. Dr. Hayrettin Ozan Gülcan extended his appreciation to everyone who contributed to the realization of the protocol, expressing his belief that the agreement would further strengthen cooperation between the university and the professional sector. Prof. Dr. Gülcan concluded his remarks by expressing his hope that the protocol would yield positive outcomes.

The signed protocol aims to establish stronger links between theoretical knowledge and professional practice in pharmacy education. Within this framework, the collaboration seeks to enhance students' professional knowledge and skills, improve the quality of internship opportunities, and foster closer interaction between academic expertise and practical experience. In addition to contributing to the professional development of pharmacy students, the protocol is expected to strengthen cooperation between the university and the professional association, while bringing a new dimension to university-industry collaboration.

EMU HEALTH SCIENCES FACULTY PARTICIPATES IN THE 20TH SABDEK GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND 2030 STRATEGY WORKSHOP

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Health Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç participated in the 20th General Assembly of the Health Sciences Deans' Council (SABDEK) and SABDEK 2030 Strategy Workshop held in Malatya and hosted by İnönü University.

The meeting, which brought together representatives of faculties of health sciences from Türkiye and Northern Cyprus, addressed the future of health sciences education, the transformation of higher education, quality assurance, digitalization, innovative educational approaches, and inter-university collaboration. Held under the theme "The Future of Faculties of Health Sciences: Areas of Transformation and Strategic Priorities", the SABDEK 2030 Strategy Workshop focused on the adaptation of faculties of health sciences to evolving healthcare needs, the development of educational models, and the identification of shared strategic priorities for the future. The workshop sessions focused on two key areas: the institutional and academic transformation of faculties of health sciences, and micro-credentials and flexible learning models. Participants exchanged views on topics such as digital transformation, artificial intelligence, competency-based education, lifelong learning, and quality assurance.

Dean of the EMU Faculty of Health Sciences Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, together with SABDEK Founding Honorary President Prof. Dr. Sibel Aksu Yıldırım, co-moderated the workshop titled "Micro-Credentials in Health Sciences". The workshop addressed the innovative skills required by future healthcare professionals, priority micro-credential programs, quality assurance criteria for these programs, and strategies for promoting their wider adoption in higher education.

Prof. Dr. Malkoç Appointed as SABDEK Secretary General

Elections for the new Executive Board were also held during the General Assembly convened as part of the meeting. Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, who has served as a member of the SABDEK Executive Board since its establishment, was re-elected to the Board for the new term and assumed the position of Secretary General.

Prof. Dr. Malkoç stated that the rapid transformation taking place in health sciences education necessitates a shared vision and strong collaboration among faculties. She also emphasized the importance of equipping future healthcare professionals not only with professional knowledge and skills but also with digital competencies, critical thinking abilities, interdisciplinary collaboration skills, and a



commitment to lifelong learning. The evaluations and recommendations arising from the workshops held during the meeting are expected to contribute to the strategic planning processes of faculties of health sciences as they prepare for the future.

The EMU Faculty of Health Sciences will continue to actively contribute to SABDEK's initiatives aimed at enhancing quality assurance in education, promoting the wider adoption of innovative educational approaches, and strengthening national and international academic collaboration.

COLLABORATION PROTOCOL SIGNED AT EMU TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIP AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE SUPPORT TO STUDENTS

A "Scholarship, Social Assistance and Student Support Protocol" was signed between the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Board of Trustees (VYK), EMU Rectorate, EMU Academic Personnel Union (DAÜ-SEN) and Champion Angels Association, with the aim of supporting students throughout their educational journey.

The signing session took place at EMU Rector's Office building where EMU VYK President Recai Ergün, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, DAÜ-SEN Chair Asst. Prof. Dr. Mustafa Rıza and Chair of Champion Angels Association Ruşen Karakaya signed the protocol.

The protocol, covering the 2026–2027 Academic Year, aims to expand scholarship and social assistance opportunities for students at Eastern Mediterranean University who demonstrate financial need and academic achievement. In addition to providing educational scholarships, the protocol envisages offering meal assistance, financial aid and other forms of social support to help meet the basic needs of students experiencing financial difficulties.

The protocol is expected to provide financial and social support to students throughout their educational journey, contribute to equal opportunities in education and strengthen the culture of solidarity within the University.



EMU ACADEMIC'S IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO INTERNATIONAL MATHEMATICS WORLD

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Mathematics academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arran Fernandez has made a significant contribution to international scientific collaboration by leading the establishment of a new Special Interest Group (SIG), titled Fractional Calculus & Applied Analysis (FCAA), within the International Society for Analysis, its Applications and Computation (ISAAC). Assoc. Prof. Dr. Fernandez serves as Co-Chair of the group alongside Dr. Joel E. Restrepo.

Special Recognition for FCAA from ISAAC Leadership

Following its establishment, FCAA quickly attracted international attention, bringing together more than 20 researchers from various parts of the world. The formation of the group was also warmly welcomed by the leadership of ISAAC.

In his presidential message published in the August 2026 issue of the association's newsletter, ISAAC President Prof. Dr. Joachim Toft extended a special welcome to the newly established Special Interest Group, highlighting FCAA's potential to enrich the association's scientific activities and foster international research collaboration. The extensive coverage dedicated to FCAA in the same newsletter further underscored the group's growing recognition within the international mathematics community and its scientific significance.

International Online Workshop to Be Held

As a significant continuation of the scientific collaboration initiated through the establishment of FCAA, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arran Fernandez and fellow Co-Chair Dr. Joel E. Restrepo have undertaken the organization of the Online Workshop on Fractional Calculus & Applied Analysis, scheduled to take place from 5 to 7 November 2026.

Bringing together internationally renowned scientists, the workshop will focus on contemporary research areas, including special functions, fractional differential equations, stochastic processes, and numerical analysis. The event will be held with the support of ISAAC, the Springer-published journal Fractional Calculus & Applied Analysis, EMU and CINVESTAV in Mexico.

Beyond the establishment of a new research group, this initiative presents valuable opportunities to strengthen international academic collaboration, facilitate the exchange of scientific knowledge and expertise, and foster new research partnerships. Furthermore, the workshop will provide an international platform, particularly for young researchers, to engage with leading scientists in their respective fields and contribute to advancements in fractional calculus and its applications.



Reinforcing EMU's International Academic Recognition

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arran Fernandez's pioneering efforts in founding a new international research group within ISAAC constitute not only a noteworthy individual academic achievement but also an important contribution to reinforcing EMU's international visibility and strengthening its position within the global scientific community.

By assuming a leadership role within an international scientific organization and bringing together researchers from different countries on a shared academic platform, this initiative also highlights the influential role EMU academics can play in fostering and advancing global scientific collaboration.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Fernandez's pioneering efforts further highlight EMU's vision of becoming a university that not only keeps pace with international scientific developments but also actively shapes their direction and takes a leading role in establishing new academic partnerships.

A New Platform for International Collaboration in Mathematical Research

Established in 1994, the ISAAC is recognized as one of the prominent international organizations dedicated to advancing scientific research in mathematical analysis, applied mathematics, and computational mathematics. Through international congresses, scientific meetings, workshops, and academic collaborations, the society brings together researchers from across the globe, providing a valuable platform for scientific exchange in fields such as differential equations, functional analysis, integral equations, and related mathematical disciplines.

Founded in 2026, the FCAA Special Interest Group aims to advance research in fractional calculus and applied analysis at the international level, unite researchers working in these fields under a common academic framework, and foster new opportunities for scholarly collaboration. The establishment of the group was the culmination of an extensive organizational effort involving the development of an international research network, the coordination of prospective members, and the successful completion of the necessary institutional approval procedures within ISAAC.

EMU INSTITUTE OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH HOLDS STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP











Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Institute of Graduate Studies and Research, in collaboration with the Strategy and Project Development Office, organized a Strategic Planning Workshop aimed at identifying the Institute's strategic priorities and institutional development goals for the upcoming period. The two-day workshop, held at the Tower Restaurant of the Faculty of Tourism, was hosted by Institute Director Prof. Dr. Ali Hakan Ulusoy and Vice Director Prof. Dr. Ali Övgün.

During the preparatory phase, internal and external stakeholders were identified to ensure that a wide range of perspectives and suggestions were reflected in the planning process. The workshop's scope, methodology, and evaluation procedures were also carefully planned. Alongside academic and administrative staff, representatives of postgraduate students and research assistants actively participated in the workshop, contributing their insights and recommendations.

"Workshop Aims to Develop Practical and Actionable Solutions"

Speaking at the opening of the workshop, Director of the EMU Institute of Graduate Studies and Research Prof. Dr. Ali Hakan Ulusoy emphasized the strategic importance of postgraduate education in enhancing the university's academic development, research performance, and international visibility. Prof. Dr. Ulusoy stated that the workshop aimed not only to assess the current situation but also to develop practical and actionable solutions.

"Strategic Plans Should Be Updated in line with Changing Circumstances"

EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe underscored that strategic planning processes should be carried out with the active participation of stakeholders. Highlighting the importance of ensuring that strategic plans remain adaptable to changing circumstances and open to continuous improvement and innovation, Prof. Dr. Karatepe also emphasized the significance of these initiatives within the framework of EMU's 2030 Vision and Strategic Plan.

"Will Help Shape EMU's Future"

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated that strategic plans bring institutions together around shared objectives and guide their long-term development. Emphasizing that the initiatives undertaken by the Institute would contribute to achieving the university's strategic goals, Prof. Dr. Kılıç noted that the outcomes of the workshop would help shape the future of both the Institute and EMU. He also reaffirmed the university administration's continued commitment to supporting the process.

Higher Education Planning, Accreditation and Coordination Council's (YÖDAK) Vice Chair Prof. Dr. Hasan Amca emphasized the importance of clearly defining strategic objectives, regularly assessing progress through performance indicators, and revising these objectives in light of the results obtained. Highlighting the significance of continuous quality improvement and institutional accreditation initiatives in higher education, Prof. Dr. Amca expressed his expectation that EMU, drawing on its extensive experience in program accreditation, would also assume a leading role in these processes.

Following his opening address, Prof. Dr. Amca attended the subsequent workshop sessions, contributing to the strategic planning process by sharing his insights and recommendations.

Strategic Goals and Objectives Addressed Under Four Main Areas

Moderated by Strategy and Project Development Coordinator Dr. Jülide Erdal Üngör, the workshop provided an opportunity to assess the Institute's current situation, institutional priorities, and areas for development. During the sessions held on the first day, participants conducted an analysis of the Institute's strengths, areas for improvement, opportunities, and potential threats. This was followed by discussions aimed at shaping the Institute's mission and vision, with particular emphasis on defining its desired institutional position for the future.

The second day's sessions focused on the Institute's core values. Participants worked in four groups formed under the themes of "Graduate Education and Teaching", "Scientific Research", "Internationalization" and "Institutional Capacity and Digital Transformation" to identify strategic goals and objectives.

During the group discussions, participants thoroughly evaluated the Institute's priority areas for the upcoming period and established concrete institutional development objectives.

"Shaping Our Future Academic and Scientific Vision through Collective Wisdom"

Commenting on the outcomes of the workshop, Prof. Dr. Ulusoy highlighted the importance of shaping strategic decisions concerning the Institute's future through collective wisdom, active participation, and collaboration. Noting that the Institute's current situation, mission, vision, core values, and strategic priorities had been comprehensively evaluated over the course of the two-day workshop, Prof. Dr. Ulusoy stated that the involvement of academic and administrative staff, along with representatives of postgraduate students and research assistants, had enabled diverse perspectives and expectations to be incorporated into the strategic planning process.









Prof. Dr. Ulusoy stated that enhancing the quality of postgraduate education and teaching, strengthening scientific research capacity, advancing internationalization, and accelerating institutional digital transformation were among the Institute's key priorities. He further noted that the perspectives and recommendations put forward by the working groups would help shape the Institute's strategic roadmap.





Prof. Dr. Ulusoy emphasized that their vision was to develop the Institute into a strategic center that not only oversees postgraduate education processes but also contributes significantly to EMU's scientific productivity, research capacity, and international academic competitiveness.





Expressing his appreciation for the support and contributions provided to the workshop, Prof. Dr. Ulusoy extended his gratitude to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, YÖDAK Vice Chair Prof. Dr. Hasan Amca, workshop moderator Dr. Jülide Erdal Üngör, all participants, and everyone involved in organizing the event.





The views and recommendations presented during the workshop will be evaluated by the Strategy and Project Development Office and used to establish strategic goals, objectives, and performance indicators. Accordingly, a comprehensive, measurable, and actionable strategic plan will be developed to guide the Institute's activities in the coming period.





EMU REPRESENTED AT INTERNATIONAL CONGRESSES HELD IN SPAIN AND JAPAN

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty academic staff member Dr. Barış Sarı represented EMU with his scientific presentations at international congresses held in Spain and Japan. Dr. Sarı shared his work carried out in the field of orthopedics and traumatology, with academics and healthcare professional from different corners of the world.

Findings on Multiple Trauma Patients Shared in Madrid

Dr. Sarı, who attended the European Orthopaedics Research Society (EORS) Madrid 2026 Congress held in Madrid, Spain, delivered an oral presentation during the panel titled "TOTBID–TOAK: Translational Advances in Orthopaedic Trauma: From Infection Biology to Hip Preservation Strategies and Polytrauma Care". In his presentation titled "Factors Affecting Polytrauma Patients with Orthopaedic Injuries: A Single-Centre Study", Dr. Sarı shared the findings of his research on polytrauma patients admitted to the Emergency Department of Adana City Hospital.

The study, which examined the parameters associated with an increased risk of complications in polytrauma patients, aimed to contribute to identifying the most appropriate treatment approaches and facilitating patients' return to their daily lives with as few complications as possible.

Treatment Process of a Rare Case Shared in Kyoto

Dr. Sarı also delivered an e-poster presentation titled "Our Experience with a Very Rare Condition, Isolated Lateral Subtalar Dislocation" at the Société Internationale de Chirurgie Orthopédique et de Traumatologie (SICOT) Kyoto 2026 Congress, held in Kyoto, Japan. The presentation highlighted clinical experiences based on a case involving an isolated lateral subtalar dislocation, a condition rarely reported in the medical literature, which was successfully treated without surgical intervention.

"We Attach Great Importance to International Scientific Exchange"

Dean of the EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty, Prof. Dr. Nilüfer Güzoğlu, emphasized the importance of sharing scientific research on international platforms for medical education and clinical practice. Prof. Dr. Güzoğlu stated, "We highly value the contributions of our academics to international scientific meetings through their research and clinical experience. I congratulate Dr. Barış Sarı on his work and wish him continued success in his scientific endeavors."

"Scientific Research Contributes to EMU's International Visibility"

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç expressed his satisfaction with the dissemination of the University's research expertise on international platforms, stating, "The scientific presentations





delivered by our academics in different countries contribute to our university's international visibility and the exchange of knowledge. I congratulate Dr. Barış Sarı on representing EMU in Spain and Japan and wish him continued success in his academic endeavors."

EMU FACULTY OF TOURISM STUDENT SECURES FIRST PLACE IN COMPETITION HELD AS PART OF EURHODIP CONFERENCE







Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Tourism, Tourism Management Program student Lea Vorgic secured first place in the tourism management category of the student competition held as part of the 33rd EURHODIP Annual Conference in Morocco.

Held in Tangier, Morocco, the conference welcomed participants from 12 different countries, bringing together representatives of institutions offering education in tourism and hospitality, academics, industry professionals, and students.

EURHODIP, an international organization committed to enhancing tourism and hospitality education, promotes cooperation and facilitates the exchange of knowledge and experience among educational institutions worldwide. The student competitions held as part of its annual conferences offer participants a valuable opportunity to demonstrate their professional knowledge and skills on an international platform.

Also attending the event, Asst. Prof. Dr. İlkay Yorgancı, Acting Dean of EMU Faculty of Tourism, stated; "We are extremely pleased to see our students successfully representing our university on international platforms. Lea Vorgic's first-place achievement in tourism management is a source of immense pride for us. As the Faculty of Tourism, we are committed to supporting our students in gaining valuable experience at both national and international levels and continuously strive to provide opportunities for them to apply their knowledge and skills in practice. Such events play a vital role in fostering our students' professional development, facilitating the exchange of experiences with peers from diverse cultural backgrounds, and strengthening their self-confidence. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to our student for her hard work, dedication, and remarkable achievement".

"Our International Achievements Are a Source of Great Pride"

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç expressed his immense pride in Lea Vorgic's achievement, stating, "The success of our students on international platforms is a clear reflection of the high-quality education provided by our university and the knowledge and competencies they acquire throughout their studies. We are extremely pleased that Lea Vorgic has secured first place in such a significant international event. At EMU, we are dedicated to supporting our students not only academically but also in their professional and personal development, aiming to equip them with the skills and qualifications necessary to excel in an internationally competitive environment."





EMU BRINGS ITS ACADEMIC AND ARTISTIC EXPERTISE TO THE TURKIC WORLD DIALOGUE FORUM



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) was represented at a significant international platform aimed at preserving the cultural heritage of the Turkic world, strengthening its collective memory, and fostering economic cooperation. EMU Faculty of Pharmacy academic staff member Prof. Dr. Eda Becer and EMU Arts and Sciences Faculty, Department of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences academic staff, artists and curator Ayhatun Ateşin participated in the Turkic World Dialogue Forum, organized by the Directorate of Communications of the Presidency of the Republic of Türkiye in Ankara on 30–31 October 2026.

Bringing together academics, artists, experts, and prominent figures from various fields across the Turkic world, the forum focused on strengthening dialogue and cooperation among Turkic states in the areas of culture, art, economy, and joint production. Throughout the forum, discussions centered on perspectives and policy recommendations aimed at enhancing economic integration within the Turkic world, developing collaborative production models, preserving cultural values, and supporting regional development.

Prof. Dr. Eda Becer Highlights the Middle Corridor and a Shared Economic Future

EMU Pharmacy Faculty member Prof. Dr. Eda Becer participated as a speaker in one of the forum's prominent sessions, a panel titled "From the Middle Corridor to a Shared Production Ecosystem: An Economic Model in the Turkic World".

The panel commenced with an opening address by Binali Yıldırım, Chair of the Council of Elders of the Organization of Turkic States (OTS) and former Prime Minister of the Republic of Türkiye, and was moderated by Prof. Dr. Ragıp Kutay Karaca, Vice Rector of Istanbul Aydın University. Alongside Prof. Dr. Eda Becer, the panel featured contributions from Şamil Ayrım, AK Party Istanbul Member of Parliament and Chair of the Türkiye-Azerbaijan Interparliamentary Friendship Group; Dr. Lesbek Taizhanov, Faculty Member at Khoja Akhmet Yassawi International Kazakh-Turkish University; and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bekmukhammad Tursunov, Faculty Member at the University of Journalism and Mass Communications of Uzbekistan, who also shared their insights and perspectives. Addressing the panel, Prof. Dr. Becer drew attention to the significant restructuring currently taking place within the global system, emphasizing that this transformation offers important opportunities for Turkic states to shape a shared future. Stressing that the Middle Corridor should be viewed as more than a transportation and logistics route, Prof. Dr. Becer highlighted the need to transform it into an integrated economic ecosystem that fosters joint production, investment, and development.

"We must transform the Middle Corridor into more than just a transportation network, developing it into an economic ecosystem where we produce, invest, and prosper together," stated Prof. Dr. Becer, underscoring the need for new cooperation models to strengthen economic integration across the Turkic world.

Highlighting the geostrategic significance of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), Prof. Dr. Becer noted that its ports in the Eastern Mediterranean, logistics infrastructure, and regional connections position it as a potential key hub supporting the maritime dimension of the Middle Corridor. She further emphasized the TRNC's potential to contribute to collaborative initiatives with the Turkic world in the areas of trade, production, food security, and investment.

Ayhatun Ateşin Emphasizes the Importance of Cultural Heritage and Collective Memory

Addressing the panel titled "Culture and Art in the Turkic World: From Tradition to the Future", held as part of the forum, Ayhatun Ateşin underscored the importance of safeguarding cultural heritage, preserving collective memory, and transmitting these values to future generations through art. Presenting her perspectives under the theme "From Stories to Memory, From Memory to the Future," Ateşin highlighted the role of art, documentary filmmaking, and publishing in ensuring cultural continuity.





EMU DEPARTMENT OF NURSING ACADEMICS SCIENTIFICALLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE 3RD NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON SEXUALITY AND SEXUAL HEALTH

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Nursing academic staff Prof. Dr. Hatice Bebiş and Dr. Emine Temizkan Sekizler contributed to the 3rd National Symposium on Sexuality and Sexual Health, hosted by Near East University, by chairing sessions and delivering presentations. The symposium, which addressed current approaches to sexuality and sexual health, provided a platform for sharing scientific knowledge and experiences while highlighting the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration.



Artificial Intelligence and Inclusive Sexual Health Approaches Discussed

As part of the symposium, EMU Department of Nursing academic Prof. Dr. Hatice Bebiş chaired the session titled "Artificial Intelligence, Gender and Inclusive Sexual Health". The session explored artificial intelligence and gender-related issues within the framework of inclusive sexual health approaches.

Digital Technologies and New Service Models in Sexual Health Evaluated

Dr. Emine Temizkan Sekizler delivered a presentation titled "Digital Technologies and New Service Models in Sexual Health". During her presentation, Dr. Sekizler provided information on the applications of digital technologies in sexual health services and emerging service models arising from technological advancements. The symposium, which facilitated the exchange of scientific knowledge among healthcare professionals, provided an opportunity for academics from the EMU Nursing Department to share the academic expertise and professional experience of the nursing discipline in the field of sexual health with participants.



EMU NURSING DEPARTMENT ACADEMICS SCIENTIFICALLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE 35TH NATIONAL UROLOGY CONGRESS







Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Health Sciences Faculty, Department of Nursing academic staff members Prof. Dr. Gülten Sucu Dağ, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hülya Fırat Kılıç and Senior Instructor Dr. Gülcan Dürüst Sakallı contributed to the 35th National Urology Congress through their scientific presentations. Organized by the Turkish Association of Urology, the congress took place at the Limak Cyprus Deluxe Hotel between 22 and 25 October 2026. Bringing together academics, specialist physicians, and healthcare professionals working in the field of urology, the congress provided a platform for sharing the latest scientific developments and clinical experiences. The four-day event also addressed the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration in healthcare services.

Current Approaches in Urology Nursing Shared

As part of the congress, Prof. Dr. Gülten Sucu Dağ delivered a presentation titled "Continuity of Care and Monitoring in Urology Patients through Digital Health Applications". Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hülya Fırat Kılıç also contributed to the congress with her presentation titled "Current Nursing Approaches in Sacral Neuromodulation Therapy".

Senior Instructor Dr. Gülcan Dürüst Sakallı delivered a presentation titled "Nursing Management in Transrectal Ultrasound-Guided Prostate Biopsy". Through these presentations, participants gained insights into various aspects of nursing care, including digital health applications, contemporary treatment approaches, and nursing practices in diagnostic procedures.

Contributing to Interdisciplinary Knowledge and Experience Sharing

Featuring scientific sessions and practice-oriented activities, the congress provided a valuable platform for the exchange of knowledge and experience among healthcare professionals from various institutions and disciplines. Through their presentations, EMU Department of Nursing academics contributed to scientific discussions by sharing the nursing discipline's academic expertise and clinical experience in the field of urology.

ACADEMICS OF EMU DEPARTMENT OF NURSING DELIVER BREAST CANCER AWARENESS SEMINAR FOR SALAMIS HOTEL STAFF

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Nursing lecturers Dr. Dilek Karaoğlan Gülevi and Meltem Altınışık Öztemur delivered a breast cancer awareness seminar for Salamis Hotel staff. Held at Salamis Hotel, the seminar aimed to provide employees with information on breast health and raise their awareness of the importance of early detection of breast cancer.



The seminar covered the prevalence of breast cancer, associated risk factors, screening programs, and the importance of early diagnosis. Participants were provided with information on screening practices recommended by national and international guidelines, mammography screening intervals, clinical breast examinations, and individual risk assessment methods. Scientific evidence highlighting the contribution of early detection to successful breast cancer treatment was also presented, emphasizing the importance of regular health check-ups.

Practical Guidance Provided

During the practical session of the seminar, detailed information was provided on breast self-examination methods. Particular emphasis was placed on examination techniques, the appropriate timing of self-examinations, and recognizing potential changes in the breasts. Participants also had the opportunity to ask questions, while further guidance was offered to enhance individual awareness of breast health.

Laughter Yoga Session Held

Following the educational session, a laughter yoga activity was also organized to support the psychosocial well-being of hotel employees. During the activity, participants were provided with information on the effects of laughter yoga on stress management, relaxation, group cohesion, and motivation. The importance of promoting mental well-being alongside physical health in health education was also emphasized.



The program, which aimed to raise public awareness of breast health and promote greater understanding of the importance of early detection, concluded following the educational and practical sessions.

SOCIAL AWARENESS CALL FROM EMU ACADEMICS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION WEEK

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Nursing academics Prof. Dr. Gülten Sucu Dağ and Dr. Gülcan Dürüst Sakallı issued a statement titled “One Donation, Multiple Lives: Give Hope for Life Through Organ Donation!” on the occasion of 3-9 November Organ and Tissue Donation Week. The statement by Prof. Dr. Sucu Dağ and Dr. Dürüst Sakallı reads as follows: “Organ and tissue donation is not only one of the most important life-saving practices offered by modern medicine but also one of the most meaningful expressions of human solidarity. For patients struggling with organ failure, transplantation can sometimes be their only chance of survival, while in other cases, it offers the opportunity to lead a more independent life with an improved quality of life following years of medical treatment.





Behind Every Patient Awaiting an Organ Transplant Lies a Life Story

Waiting for an organ transplant involves much more than a medical treatment process. It also brings physical, psychological, social and financial challenges for patients and their families. For a patient undergoing regular dialysis due to kidney failure, a young person awaiting a heart transplant or a parent struggling with liver failure, finding a suitable donor organ can mean a chance to rebuild their life.

Lives behind the Numbers: Organ Transplantation Worldwide, in Türkiye and the TRNC

Despite significant advances in the field of organ transplantation, thousands of people are still waiting for a suitable donor organ to survive. According to data from the Global Observatory on Donation and Transplantation (GODT), more than 183,800 organ transplants were performed across 96 reporting countries worldwide in 2025. Of these, 116,775 were kidney transplants and 45,554 were liver transplants. In Türkiye, 5,095 organ transplants were performed in 2025, while data released in 2026 indicate that 30,675 patients are still awaiting organ transplantation. Furthermore, it was reported that 4,769 people lost their lives while waiting for an organ transplant in 2025. In the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), according to data shared in 2025, a total of 70 kidney transplants, including 33 from deceased donors, and six heart transplants had been performed since 2015. During the same period, approximately 120 patients were reported to be awaiting kidney transplants, while 20 were waiting for heart transplants. These figures represent far more than mere healthcare statistics. Behind every number is a patient hoping to recover, an individual longing to reunite with loved ones, and a family waiting for good news. For this reason, organ donation is not merely a medical procedure but one of the most precious gifts of hope for life that one person can offer another. Individuals wishing to become organ donors can apply by completing the Organ and Tissue Donation Form available on the Ministry of Health’s website

One day, any of us may find ourselves in need of hope. Choosing to be someone else’s hope today is one of the most meaningful decisions we can make.”

CYPRUS PEACE PROCESS AND THE ROLE OF UNITED NATIONS DISCUSSED AT EMU

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Cyprus Policy Center (CPC) and the Department of Political Science and International Relations co-organized a seminar titled "The United Nations Good Offices Mission in Cyprus: Mandate and the Cyprus Peace Process". EMU CPC Chairperson Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen moderated the event.



Sergiy Illarionov, Head of Office and Coordinator of the United Nations (UN) Secretary-General's Good Offices Mission in Cyprus, who participated in the seminar as a guest speaker, provided information on the historical development of the Cyprus issue and the UN's efforts in the peace process. Drawing on his extensive experience in international peacekeeping and political affairs, Illarionov discussed the fundamental principles underlying the Cyprus negotiations and the UN's role as a facilitator in the process.

Fundamental Principles of the Negotiation Process Highlighted

During his presentation, Illarionov emphasized the importance of conducting negotiations under the leadership of the Cypriot leaders, ensuring equal participation of the parties, maintaining confidentiality, and pursuing a comprehensive settlement. He also highlighted the work of the 13 technical committees established to strengthen cooperation between the two communities, providing information on initiatives undertaken in areas such as cultural heritage, the environment, health, education, and gender equality. The seminar concluded with a question-and-answer session moderated by Prof. Dr. Sözen, during which participants exchanged views on the future of peace in Cyprus, the negotiation processes, and the role of international actors.



Alumni Update

EMU ALUMNUS EMRE OSKAY ACHIEVES REMARKABLE SUCCESS IN INTERNATIONAL CINEMA

Emre Oskay, a graduate of the Department of Cinema and Television under the Faculty of Communication at Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), will serve as Executive Producer on the 51st film by world-renowned, Oscar-winning director Woody Allen. This prestigious role undertaken by Oskay in the international film industry marks yet another achievement for EMU graduates on the global stage.

Emre Oskay, the successful producer and founder and owner of Sky Films, announced that he will serve as Executive Producer on Woody Allen's highly anticipated new film. Oskay, who will be involved in the international project brought to life through a collaboration between Sky Film Global, 3SIX9 Studios, and Silver Screen Global, also visited the renowned director's film set. Expressing his immense happiness and pride in taking on the role of Executive Producer in an international production, Oskay described the experience as a significant milestone in his career.

EMU Rector Extends Congratulations to Emre Oskay

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç expressed his immense satisfaction and pride in the achievements of EMU graduate Emre Oskay in the international film industry. Prof. Dr. Kılıç emphasized that Oskay's appointment as Executive Producer on the 51st film by world-renowned, Academy Award-winning director Woody Allen is a source of great pride for both himself and the entire EMU community.

Underscoring that Oskay's success, following his involvement in significant projects in the national and international film industry after graduating from EMU, serves as a testament to the University's commitment to quality education and the potential demonstrated by its graduates across various fields, Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated, "We are delighted that our graduate, Emre Oskay, is taking on such a significant role in a major project within the international film industry. We take great pride in our graduate, who has achieved remarkable success by applying the academic knowledge and professional skills acquired at EMU on international platforms. I firmly believe that his achievements will also serve as a source of inspiration for our students. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Emre Oskay and wish him continued and ever-growing success throughout his future career".

From EMU Classrooms to the International Film Industry

Emre Oskay completed his academic education in cinema at the Department of Cinema and Television under the EMU Faculty of Communication. Following his graduation, Oskay also taught courses on Film Production at the same faculty, combining his academic knowledge with his professional career in the film industry. Emre Oskay began his career in the film industry with director Derviş Zaim's film Shadows and Faces (Gölgeler ve Suretler). Since then, he has undertaken various roles as a producer, co-producer, and executive producer in numerous feature films and documentary projects. Among the highlights of Oskay's career is Mustang, which earned nominations for Best Foreign Language Film at both the Academy Awards (Oscars) and the Golden Globe Awards. Having served as the film's executive producer, Oskay has contributed to several prominent projects that have strengthened the international recognition and visibility of Turkish cinema.



Through Sky Films, the production company he founded and owns, Oskay continues to develop and produce film projects both nationally and internationally. Throughout his career, he has been involved in more than 100 film projects. Alongside his production work, Oskay also serves as the director of the Istanbul Cinema Museum and the historic Atlas 1948 Cinema.

In 2026, Emre Oskay was admitted to the European Film Academy as a member, further marking his presence in the international film industry, where he continues to pursue his professional endeavors.

EMU REMEMBERS GREAT LEADER MUSTAFA KEMAL ATATÜRK ON THE 88TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS PASSING







Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) commemorated the Great Leader Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, founder of the Republic of Türkiye, with a ceremony held on the 88th anniversary of his passing. Organized by the EMU Atatürk Research and Application Center (EMU-ATAUM) in collaboration with the Atatürk Ideology Club (ADK), the commemoration ceremony took place in front of the EMU Atatürk Monument on Tuesday, 10 November 2026, at 08:45 a.m. The ceremony was attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, EMU Board of Trustees Member Özdinç Akdel, Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, Secretary General Derviş Ekşici, as well as academic and administrative staff and students.

As part of the program, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç laid a wreath at the Atatürk Monument at 09:00 a.m. This was followed by an address delivered by EMU Atatürk Ideology Club (ADK) President Görkem Topcu. In his speech, Topcu stated that 10 November is not merely a day of remembrance but also an occasion to reflect on Atatürk's ideas, his struggle, and the responsibilities he entrusted to future generations. Highlighting the responsibility of young people to safeguard the Republic, uphold its values, and contribute to the country's continued progress, Topcu emphasized that the most meaningful way to commemorate Atatürk is to understand his ideals and continue working towards the goals he set forth.

"Atatürk: A Symbol of Independence, Freedom, and Modernization for the Turkish Cypriot Community"
Following a Moment of Silence and the Turkish National Anthem, the ceremony continued with the reading of the 10 November commemorative statement on behalf of EMU-ATAUM by Dr. Devran Kaya. In her address, Dr. Kaya stated that Atatürk laid the foundations of the modern Republic of Türkiye by leading the nation's struggle for independence. Emphasizing that Atatürk's ideals of freedom, independence, and national sovereignty also served as a source of strength for the Turkish Cypriot people, Dr. Kaya noted that Atatürk remains a symbol of independence, freedom, and modernization for the Turkish Cypriot community.

"A Great Leader Whose Ideas and Achievements Continue to Inspire Future Generations"
EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç began his address by stating, "Today, we have gathered to commemorate Gazi Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, a great leader who changed the destiny of a nation, illuminated a path through darkness, and whose ideas and achievements continue to inspire not only his own generation but also generations to come". Prof. Dr. Kılıç continued, "The Republic, which Atatürk described as his greatest achievement, is the most precious legacy entrusted to us. However, this legacy is not merely a historical accomplishment to be preserved; it is also a profound responsibility that requires our continuous efforts to uphold, strengthen, and pass on to future generations in an even stronger form". Emphasizing that commemorating Atatürk holds particular significance for universities in terms of understanding and keeping his ideals alive, Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that universities are not merely institutions that produce knowledge but also places where freedom of thought, intellectual inquiry, scientific advancement, critical thinking, and a brighter future are fostered. In this regard, he underlined that EMU considers educating individuals who conduct research, question established ideas, and contribute to humanity among its fundamental responsibilities. Addressing young people during his speech, Prof. Dr. Kılıç remarked, "You are the hope of tomorrow and the architects of our future. Atatürk's trust in young people carries with it a profound responsibility entrusted to you. We expect you to remain guided by the light of science, never be afraid to think critically or question, respect diversity, and make meaningful contributions to your country and humanity".

Following the speeches, a musical performance was delivered by the choir of the Music Teaching Program under the Department of Fine Arts Education at the EMU Faculty of Education, conducted by Erkan Dağlı. As part of the commemoration program, EMU ADK members, accompanied by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, also planted a tree at EMU Atatürk Square. Meanwhile, EMU Student Clubs displayed posters they had prepared under the theme "Today's Lesson: Atatürk" at EMU Atatürk Square.



















EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ ISSUED A COMMEMORATIVE MESSAGE ON THE PASSING ANNIVERSARY OF GREAT LEADER MUSTAFA KEMAL ATATÜRK

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç released a message of remembrance on the 88th passing anniversary of Great Leader Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. The message reads as follows:

"We commemorate Gazi Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the founder of the Republic of Türkiye and the Great Leader, with profound respect, gratitude, and an enduring sense of longing on the 88th anniversary of his passing.

Atatürk was not only a great leader who spearheaded a nation's struggle for independence but also a universal figure and source of inspiration who shaped the future through the guiding principles of reason, science, modernization, and freedom of thought. A visionary leader whose ideas were far ahead of his time, Atatürk inspired not only the Turkish nation but also humanity as a whole through the importance he attached to science, reason, and education. His words, "Science is the truest guide", continue to serve as a guiding principle for us as educators and scientists.

As Eastern Mediterranean University, we remain firmly committed to building a brighter future, guided by the importance Atatürk attached to science, education, and modern civilization. We strongly believe that his vision is not merely a legacy of the past but also the most reliable compass guiding us towards the future.

It is our shared responsibility to preserve, uphold, and further develop the Republic entrusted to us by Atatürk, along with its founding values, and to pass this invaluable legacy on to future generations.

With these thoughts and sentiments, I once again commemorate our Great Leader, Gazi Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, with profound respect, gratitude, and reverence, and reaffirm our unwavering commitment to his principles and reforms."



PROF. DR. OSMAN M. KARATEPE ISSUED A MESSAGE ON BEHALF OF EMU-ATAUM ON THE PASSING ANNIVERSARY OF ATATÜRK

On behalf of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Atatürk Research and Application Center (ATAUM), EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe released a commemorative message on 10 November, this year marking the 88th passing anniversary of Great Leader Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. The message by Prof. Dr. Karatepe reads as follows:

"Leadership is the ability to bring people together around shared values, ideas, and principles, mobilize social dynamics towards specific objectives, and guide individuals towards a common purpose. Becoming a leader in society requires not only the ability to guide, enlighten, educate, and inspire innovation but also the capacity to develop creative and effective solutions in times of crisis.

From a historical perspective, the period of the Turkish War of Independence, which emerged in response to Western powers' attempts to partition Anatolia, the military occupations that began following the Armistice of Mudros, and the harsh terms imposed by the Treaty of Sèvres, symbolizes the Turkish nation's remarkable resistance. When this struggle for national survival is considered alongside the subsequent establishment of the Republic and the reforms implemented thereafter, it becomes evident that Mustafa Kemal Atatürk was an exceptionally effective and visionary leader whose extraordinary abilities enabled him to accurately identify both domestic and international challenges and develop rational, realistic, and far-reaching solutions.

Gazi Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, who changed the course of world history, was not only a great military leader but also a visionary statesman. The Gallipoli Campaign culminated in a historic victory thanks to the military brilliance and foresight of Mustafa Kemal Pasha, Commander of the Anafartalar Group. This achievement earned him the unwavering trust of the Turkish nation, while the process initiated by his arrival in Samsun on 19 May 1919 marked the rebirth of a nation threatened with destruction and a turning point in Turkish history. This historic journey, shaped by his leadership of the Turkish War of Independence, ultimately led to the establishment of the Republic of Türkiye under the guidance of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, its principal architect, and in accordance with the principles and reforms that would define the foundations of the new Republic.

On this meaningful day marking the anniversary of the passing of the Great Leader, our foremost responsibility is to fully understand Mustafa Kemal Atatürk and his greatest achievement, the Republic, to safeguard the values of the Republic under all circumstances, and to embrace Atatürk's philosophy and principles. The Turkish Cypriot people, who supported the Turkish War of Independence in Anatolia and provided every possible form of assistance, have also followed in the footsteps of the Great Leader Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, wholeheartedly embracing his principles and reforms.

In light of all these principles and ideals, we once again commemorate the Great Leader Mustafa Kemal Atatürk on the anniversary of his passing with profound love, respect, gratitude, and longing, and pay our deepest respects to his cherished memory."



EMU CELEBRATES THE 43RD ANNIVERSARY OF TRNC'S ESTABLISHMENT







Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) celebrated the 43rd anniversary of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus' (TRNC) establishment. The event organized in collaboration with EMU Atatürk Research and Application Center (ATAUM) and Atatürk Ideology Club (ADK), took place on Friday 13 November 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at EMU Rectorate building, featuring a photography exhibition and a musical performance which higlighted the historical developments from 1963 to 15 November 1983, when the TRNC was proclaimed.

EMU Board of Trustees (VYK) President Recai Ergün, EMU Acting Rector Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, EMU VYK Member Özdinç Akdel, Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, General Secretary Derviş Ekşici, academic and administrative personnel, and students attended the event.

Following a moment of silence and the singing of the Turkish National Anthem, EMU Atatürk Ideology Club President Görkem Topcu delivered a speech, stating that the Turkish Cypriot people had never abandoned their identity or determination to live freely, despite the suffering, forced displacement, and heavy sacrifices they had endured. Topcu noted that the struggle reflected the resilience of a people determined to protect their families and secure their future. Emphasizing that young people have a responsibility to remember this struggle, pass on its historical legacy to future generations, and contribute to the country's future through knowledge, education, and hard work, Topcu paid tribute to Dr. Fazıl Küçük and Founding President Rauf Raif Denktaş, who led the Turkish Cypriot people's struggle for existence, as well as the martyrs and veterans, with respect and gratitude. Topcu concluded by celebrating the 43rd anniversary of the establishment of the TRNC.

The Journey towards the Establishment of the TRNC Revisited

Speaking at the event, EMU-ATAUM academic Dr. Devran Kaya highlighted that the establishment of the TRNC marked the culmination of a prolonged and difficult struggle by the Turkish Cypriot people. She outlined the historical journey from the Provisional Turkish Cypriot Administration to the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus and ultimately to the declaration of the TRNC. Dr. Kaya explained that the subsequent adoption of the constitution and the organization of elections helped consolidate the Republic's democratic foundations. Describing the establishment of the TRNC as a significant milestone in the Turkish Cypriot people's pursuit of an independent existence, she marked the Republic's 43rd anniversary by paying tribute to Turkish Cypriot Community Leader Dr. Fazıl Küçük, Founding President Rauf Raif Denktaş, and the martyrs and veterans.

"Passing on Our Historic Legacy to Next Generations is a Collective Responsibility"

In his address, EMU Acting Rector Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe emphasized that 15 November 1983 represented one of the most significant milestones in the Turkish Cypriot people's pursuit of freedom, equality, and self-determination. Describing the establishment of the Republic as the outcome of a long and challenging struggle involving immense sacrifices, Prof. Dr. Karatepe stressed that safeguarding this historical legacy and passing it on to future generations is a responsibility shared by all. He further underlined the importance of preserving the Republic's founding values and striving towards a stronger, more productive, and freer future. Reaffirming EMU's unwavering commitment to contributing to the country's advancement through science, education, and social development, Prof. Dr. Karatepe extended his congratulations on the 43rd anniversary of the establishment of the TRNC.

Following the opening speeches, students from the Music Teaching Program of the Department of Fine Arts Education under EMU Faculty of Education delivered a musical performance. The performance featured Deniz Özkalay on baritone, Şükrü Kemal Söylemez on guitar, Aylin Akyüz on violin, and Işık Çağrı Gören on cajon. The event concluded with the opening of a photography exhibition depicting the historical developments from 1963 to 15 November 1983, when the TRNC was proclaimed, followed by a tour of the exhibition.













EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ ISSUES MESSAGE MARKING THE TRNC'S FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç issued a celebratory message on the 43rd founding anniversary of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). The message reads as follows:

"As our country's first and only state university established by law, we proudly celebrate the 43rd anniversary of the proclamation of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus with great enthusiasm and a deep sense of honor. November 15, 1983, represents one of the most significant milestones in the Turkish Cypriot people's historical pursuit of freedom, equality, self-determination, and statehood. This momentous occasion embodies the Turkish Cypriot people's unwavering determination, their enduring spirit of unity and solidarity, and their hopes and aspirations for the future.



Under the leadership of Dr. Fazıl Küçük and our Founding President Rauf Raif Denktaş, the Turkish Cypriot people took inspiration from the War of Independence waged by Atatürk, his comrades-in-arms, and the Turkish nation. Through years of unwavering determination and perseverance, they ultimately achieved their goal of independence with the establishment of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. Today, we are profoundly grateful that, thanks to our Motherland Türkiye, our leaders, and the sacrifices of our martyrs and veterans, we are able to live freely under the protection of an independent state, enjoying peace and freedom in our own homeland without being subjected to the rule of any other nation.

Preserving the fundamental values of our Republic and striving towards a stronger, more productive, and freer future is a collective responsibility we all share. As Eastern Mediterranean University, we regard contributing to our country's development, international recognition, and future progress as one of our fundamental responsibilities, drawing upon our extensive international experience in higher education, scientific achievements, and multicultural educational environment. We firmly believe that education, science, research, and investment in younger generations constitute the essential foundations upon which the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus can confidently build its future.



On this significant day, I honor with respect, gratitude, and remembrance all the leaders, veterans, and beloved martyrs who gave their lives for our homeland, especially our Founding President Rauf Raif Denktaş and our Leader Dr. Fazıl Küçük, as well as everyone who dedicated themselves to the Turkish Cypriot people's struggle for existence.

With these sentiments, I wholeheartedly congratulate all our people on 15 November Republic Day, wishing everyone many more years filled with peace, prosperity and solidarity."

PROF. DR. OSMAN M. KARATEPE RELEASES 15 NOVEMBER REPUBLIC DAY MESSAGE ON BEHALF OF EMU-ATAUM

On behalf of Eastern Mediterranean University Atatürk Research and Application Center (EMU-ATAUM), Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe released a message on the 43rd anniversary of 15 November, founding of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. The message released by Prof. Dr. Karatepe reads as follows:

"A country's geographical and strategic position is undeniably a crucial factor in shaping its history and future. Owing to its strategic location, the island of Cyprus has been the setting for numerous significant historical turning points. In the more recent history of Cyprus, Turkish Cypriots have endured difficult periods, fighting hard to have a voice, and to establish recognition of their presence on the island, along with their language, religion, customs, and collective experiences. To gain an accurate understanding of the historical developments leading to the establishment of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), it is necessary to look back at least as far as 1960.

Although Turkish Cypriots were equal partners in the Republic of Cyprus, established in 1960, the activities of the Greek Cypriot terrorist organization EOKA, initially directed against British colonial rule, soon extended to target the Turkish Cypriot community. The Greek Cypriot group EOKA initially directed actions against the British but soon turned its focus toward Turkish Cypriots. Turkish Cypriots were forcibly removed from governance in 1963 due to attacks by Greek Cypriot armed groups. These attacks, along with imposed embargoes, intensified between 1963 and 1974, prompting a 19-year struggle for survival led by the Turkish Resistance Organization (TMT). On 20 July 1974, Türkiye, acting as one of the guarantor states, intervened militarily on the island to protect the security and interests of Turkish Cypriots. This action prevented Cyprus



from being annexed by Greece and ensured the preservation of the Turkish Cypriot community.

After the successful completion of the Peace Operation, the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus was formed on 13 February 1975. This long struggle reached its peak with the proclamation of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) on 15 November 1983, as decided by the Turkish Cypriot Federated Assembly. In a special session held that day, the Assembly unanimously approved the TRNC's foundation and independence declaration. the TRNC marked a pivotal moment, affirming the Turkish Cypriot people's political identity on the island through the creation of an independent state.



Rauf Raif Denktaş, the founding President of the TRNC and leader of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus at the time, spoke to the crowd gathered outside the Federated Assembly following the declaration session. In his address, he declared, "How fortunate are the children of the TRNC".

On this meaningful occasion, I wholeheartedly commemorate with great longing and gratitude, the leader of our struggle, Dr. Fazıl Küçük, our Founding President Rauf Raif Denktaş, heroes of our national struggle and all the martyrs. I also extend my respectful greetings to our veterans."

EMU STUDENTS EXPLORE CYPRIOT CULTURE FROM OLIVE HARVEST TO TABLE

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Tourism, Community Involvement Center (CIC) and Tourism Club co-organized an event titled “Olive Harvest, Çakıstes Production and Journey of Olive Oil”. Held with “Olive Culture Begins on the Branch and Comes to Life at the Table” motto, the event featured EMU students visiting Mehmetçik, Ergazi and Kilitkaya villages where they had the chance to explore olive harvesting, ‘çakıstes’ production and local production process of olive oil and tahini, as well as taking a close look at the Cypriot cuisine.



The first stop of the event was the olive groves in the village of Mehmetçik. At the beginning of the event, Erol Adalıer, an Instructor at the EMU Faculty of Tourism, shared an overview of Mehmetçik’s history, from past to present, with the participants. Subsequently, Mehmetçik resident Ersin Şemi and Erol Adalıer provided students with information on olive harvesting, introducing both manual and mechanical harvesting methods. During the visit, participants also learned about olive cultivation in different regions of Cyprus and how harvesting periods vary from one region to another. Mehmetçik residents Nurşen Şemi and Sahra Temiz then demonstrated how to prepare çakıstes, a traditional Cypriot crushed olive delicacy.

The second stop was Yağcıoğlu Olive Oil Factory in the village of Ergazi. During the visit, Selden Yağcıoğlu explained the process of transforming green olives into olive oil, outlining each stage of production. By observing the various stages and how they are interconnected, students gained insight into the olive oil production process. The factory visit also included a practical demonstration of tahini production. Yağcıoğlu also offered students traditional village halloumi and village bread, providing them with an opportunity to become familiar with local products.

The final stop of the program was Garavolli Restaurant in the village of Kilitkaya. Chef Tanya Kilitkayalı, Lecturer at the EMU Faculty of Tourism, highlighted the importance of olives and olive oil in Cypriot culture, explaining their role in local cuisine and everyday life. While students sampled traditional Cypriot oven-baked kebab, some participants also had the opportunity to experience other traditional delicacies of Cypriot cuisine. At the end of the event, Kilitkayalı introduced students to a traditional Cypriot custom by performing a ritual of wafting fragrant incense over the participants using an incense burner. Thus, the journey of production and cultural discovery that began in the olive groves concluded with the sharing of local flavours and traditions.

Chairperson of Community Involvement Center Asst. Prof. Dr. Nazenin Kandemir expressed her pleasure in providing students with such a valuable cultural and educational experience, emphasizing that events of this kind contribute to strengthening students’ connections with the local community and preserving cultural heritage.

Acting Dean of the EMU Faculty of Tourism, Asst. Prof. Dr. İlkay Yorgancı, stated that gaining firsthand experience of local production processes and Cypriot culinary culture makes a significant contribution to students’ education. Asst. Prof. Dr. Yorgancı also extended her appreciation to the local producers and participants who contributed to the event.

The event provided students with an opportunity to interact with local producers, observe production processes firsthand and gain a deeper understanding of Cyprus’ cultural heritage through hands-on experiences. Bringing together olive harvesting, traditional çakıstes preparation, olive oil and tahini production, and Cypriot culinary traditions, the program complemented classroom learning with practical field experience.













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