

Happy New Year

Faculty Dean, Pr.Dr.Hasan Kilic arranged a wonderful lunch for the Faculty of Tourism staff for the 2016 year. He pointed out that after a very productive academic 2015 calendar that the Faculty of Tourism celebrate and continue its wonderful achievements and as a family and close unit anything can be achieved at the highest level. We would like to thank all the staff at the dinner, wishing them a happy new year and special thanks



to our dean, academic teachers Pembe....and Koral...for their amazing preparation of lunch and to all the students who helped with preparation. Happy 2016, from the Faculty of Tourism.



Our New Dean and Vice Dean

As of February 2015 the Faculty of Tourism assigned Prof.Dr. Hasan Kiliç as the Dean. With over 30 years of experience in the tourism field with international experience our Dean will continue to implement the faculty aims and missions to attract students from all over the world interested in studying tourism or gastronomy. Our Dean also announced that Asst.Prof. Dr. M. Güven Ardahan will be Vice Dean. Mr.Ardahan himself and additionally 30 years of tourism sector experience in both Tourism and gastronomy. We wish both of them luck for the current and future

Welcoming our new Dean of the
Tourism Faculty
Prof.Dr Hasan Kilic



Our new vice dean
Ass.prof.Dr Guven Ardahan



EMU Tourism Faculty Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department Completes the First Phase of "Culinary Workshops"

Organised as part of the operations of Eastern Mediterranean University Tourism Faculty, Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department, a series of culinary workshops targeted towards amateur chefs were successfully completed. 91 participants who took part in the said courses received their certificates at a ceremony which took place at EMU Tower Restaurant.

EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated that delivered by chefs with international certification, the culinary workshops took place under different concepts including Italian Cuisine, Cupcakes for Mothers and Daughters, American-Texas Cuisine,

Latin Cuisine, Indian Cuisine, French Cuisine, Black Sea Region Cuisine, Chinese Cuisine, and Spanish Cuisine – Tapas.

Prof. Dr. Kılıç added that further courses will be organised in November by EMU Tourism Faculty in collaboration with EMU Continuing Education Center. The upcoming workshops will take place at demo kitchens of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department under the sponsorship of Edip Electronic. Prof. Dr. Kılıç added that this year's courses will be enriched with different practices.



Minister of Tourism Faiz Sucuoğlu Visited EMU



As part of his visit to Famagusta, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, Minister of Tourism Faiz Sucuoğlu paid a visit to Eastern Mediterranean University on 16 October 2015. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam organised a lunch event in honor of Minister Sucuoğlu at EMU Beach Club, where both parties exchanged information about a protocol which was previously settled between Ministry of Tourism and Eastern Mediterranean Cultural Heritage Research Center as well as tourism sites in Famagusta and ongoing and prospective projects of the Ministry of Tourism in Famagusta.

UBP Deputy Erdal Özcenk, Director of the Ministry of Tourism Ümit Özkıran, Ministry of Tourism Undersecretary Arif Sonuç, Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen, Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Hıfsiye Pulhan, Tourism Faculty Acting Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, and EMU Public Relations and Press Office Director Murat Aktuğralı also attended the event.

Welcome to EMU



Eastern Mediterranean University organised a “Welcoming Night” on Friday, 9 October 2015 within the framework of the 18th Orientation and Welcoming Days. Tourism Club and Gastronomy and Culinary Arts program students welcomed the newcomers by “flambé” dishes. The orientation was an opportunity for students to experience and learn more about the faculty.

EMU Graduate Geylan Dursunođlu Becomes the General Manager of G20 Hotel

Eastern Mediterranean University, School of Tourism and Hospitality Management 1995 graduate Geylan Dursunođlu has been appointed as the General Manager of Regnum Carya Golf & Spa Resort Hotel in Antalya, where G20 Summit will take place. Born in 1968, Geylan Dursunođlu studied in Eastern Mediterranean University, School of Tourism and Hospitality Management between 1990 and 1995. Dursunođlu started his professional career at the kitchen department of İberotel and then undertook various duties in different departments of the same hotel. Between 1996 and 1999, Dursunođlu worked as the Assistant General Manager of TRNC Jasmine Court Hotel and then became the General Manager of TRNC Merit Crystal Cove Hotel in 1999.



Dursunođlu then became the General Manager of Club Voyage Turtel Sorgun Hotel in 2001 and then went on to work at Sorgun Select and Belek Select Hotels again as the General Manager until 2003.

In 2003, Dursunođlu was appointed as Antalya Regional Manager of Club Voyage and became the General Coordinator of all Voyage Hotels between 2004 and 2008. In 2009, he worked as the General Manager of Hilton Dalaman Golf Resort & Spa Hotel.

Having been pursuing a successful career following his graduation from EMU, Dursunođlu is expected to successfully perform his current duty at Regnum Carya Golf & Spa Resort Hotel in Antalya, where G20 Summit will take place with the participation of very important leaders including the President of the USA, Barack Obama.

EMU Beach Club Offers Free Entrance

Operating under Eastern Mediterranean University, Faculty of Tourism, EMU Beach Club offers free entrance to public and students. Guests wishing to benefit from the pool or sunbeds only pay 5 TL. Those visitors wishing to only enjoy the beach section of EMU Beach Club may do so without paying any fees.



Providing a unique and comfortable environment to all those wishing to relax, EMU Beach Club boasts a fully-equipped restaurant which offers high quality services to customers. Along with pool and beach facilities, EMU Beach Club provides sea lovers all types of sea sports including sailing, wind surfing, canoeing, deep diving, beach volleyball and football.

Graduate of EMU Pursues a Successful Career at International Level

After the completion of his undergraduate studies at Eastern Mediterranean University Tourism Faculty, Tourism and Hospitality Management Department in 2001 and postgraduate studies at EMU Business and Economics Faculty in 2003, Haktan Erdogan Ekiz carried out his PhD studies in Hong Kong and upon the completion of this education, Ekiz worked at Hong Kong Poly University as an academic staff member for a period of 4 years. Ekiz also pursued employment opportunities at Taiwan and Malaysia as an academician. Ekiz is currently employed at Saudi Arabia King Abdulaziz University as the Chair of the Travel and Tourism Management Department.

Ekiz stated that the degrees he obtained from EMU brought many important career opportunities for him and added that he encountered no problems regarding the recognition of his diplomas at the international level. As an academician who has worked in different countries, Ekiz put forth that EMU is a high quality, and multicultural university.

Expressing his pride in being an EMU graduate, Ekiz stated that EMU is an important institution of higher education contributing to the promotion of the TRNC.



Students of EMU Tourism Faculty Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Program Receive Training in

Within the framework of the collaboration protocol between Eastern Mediterranean University and the Italian Culinary Institute For Foreigners (ICIF), students of EMU Tourism Faculty Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Program traveled to Italy to receive training on the Italian Cuisine. Following the launch of Eastern Mediterranean University Culinary Arts Associate Program, which started its educational activities during the 2011 – 2010 Academic Year and produced its first graduates at the end of 2012 – 2011 Academic Year, Eastern Mediterranean University Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Undergraduate Program started offering education to 75 students at the beginning of the 2015-2014 Academic Year. With the aim of equipping the students with skills that would prepare them for global competition following their graduation, the faculty administration settled a collaboration agreement with ICIF – Italian Culinary Institute For Foreigners.

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam stated their pleasure and pride in establishing collaborations with ICIF, an important institution of education with a chain of schools throughout the world. Prof. Dr. Osam thanked EMU Tourism Faculty Acting Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and his team for giving the students the opportunity to discover the Italian cuisine in its natural context through ICIF. Prof. Dr. Osam also added that Eastern Mediterranean University will further develop its international collaborations



EMU Tourism Faculty Acting Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated that as part of the aforesaid collaboration agreement with ICIF, a group of 10 students have been sent to Italy for educational purposes. Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç added that the second group of students are finalising the preparations to start their training in Italy. Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated that following the launch of the Culinary Arts Associate Program in 2010, they opened the four-year Gastronomy and Culinary Arts undergraduate program due to popular demand. Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç added that their main target is to fully equip their students for their prospective careers with international collaborations. Stating the importance of establishing collaborations with the Italian Culinary Institute for Foreigners which has branches in different countries including China, Brazil, and Korea, Prof. Dr. Kılıç once again highlighted the importance of their cooperation with ICIF. Stating that the students studying at the program are lucky, Prof. Dr. Kılıç added that Italian chefs working at ICIF will also be invited to the university to deliver training on the details of the Italian cuisine. Prof. Dr. Kılıç also put forth that along with their training, students will also have the chance to work at Michelin starred restaurants.

EMU Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department Took Part In Various Activities

Eastern Mediterranean University
Tourism Faculty, Gastronomy and Culinary
Arts Department took part in various
activities enabling students converting
theory into practice.



'New Horizons in Cake Making'

Eastern Mediterranean University Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department participated in an activity entitled "New Horizons in Cake Making" organised by UNIPRO, a sub division of Bülent Çıraklı Ltd. and Unilever. Student taking part in the event observed different production and application methods in cake making business.

Student of EMU Becomes the Winner of Ist University Cooking Contest

Students of Eastern Mediterranean University,
Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department competed in
'Ist University Cooking Contest' participated by the
students of Culinary Arts within the TRNC. Ridvan
Karataşlı from EMU received the first prize in the main
course category.



EMU Participated in ÇODAM Summer Science Camp

Eastern Mediterranean University Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department hosted Keçiören Municipality Ankara Child Consultancy Center (ÇODAM) and Center for Gifted and Talented Children's Summer Science Camp. During the camp which hosted over 20 participants, students of EMU Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department introduced Cypriot food culture to students.



EMU at Regional Anatolian Culture Festival

Students of Eastern Mediterranean University Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department opened food stands at 'Regional Anatolian Culture Festival' organised in collaboration with Famagusta Municipality. During the event where meals from 5 different regions were prepared, students provided samples from Anatolian food culture.

Hossein Ghasemi Tangal Olya Becomes the First Graduate of EMU Tourism Management PhD Program

Offering advanced study opportunities under Eastern Mediterranean University Tourism Faculty, Tourism Management PhD program is living the pride of producing its first graduate named Hossein Ghasemi Tangal Olya, who chose EMU for his PhD studies after having completed his undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in Iran.

EMU Tourism Management PhD Program aims to provide high quality study opportunities to local and international students who have an interest towards academic and research fields. At the same time, the program has the mission of catering for the demand from state and private institutions for high quality workforce in the fields of planning, policy development and consulting. The program also aims to educate and prepare domestic and international students who are expected to make contributions to the tourism and hospitality management literature through high quality research outputs.



In his PhD study, Olya developed a 'Climate-based Recreation Management System in North Cyprus', where the climate is one of the most important tourism resources. Assessing the tourism climate risk, developing a recreation management system calendar, and designing a framework for operationalization of tourism weather insurance are three key contributions of Olya's work. Reducing environmental degradation, distribution of tourism benefits, promoting tourism marketing, proposing an adaptive approach towards climate change, and seasonality are the main implications of his study.

Olya highlighted Eastern Mediterranean University's importance as a world university providing high quality education at international standards. Stating that EMU also equips students with relevant career experience, Olya added that EMU has a multicultural profile enabling cultural interaction at all levels. Olya also expressed his pleasure regarding the volume of EMU's digital academic resources as well as the faculty members.

EMU Tourism Club Visits İzmir

Eastern Mediterranean University Tourism Club organised a tour to İzmir under the coordination of EMU Tourism and Hospitality School academic staff member and Tourism Club Advisor Hüseyin Bilsen and Community Involvement Center Executive Board Member Dr. Nazenin Ruso.

A group of 30 students from Pakistan, Iran, Libya, Syria, Kazakhstan, Tunisia, Palestine, Kyrgyzstan and Turkmenistan took part in the four day trip which had the aim of exploring İzmir's cultural heritage and qualities.



During the visit, students visited Kadifekale, Selçuk Castle, Selçuk Efes Museum, Şirince, Kuşadası, Kordon Pier, Sasalı Zoo, Agora Museum, Kemeraltı Market and İzmir Kordon Boyu. Following this year's Ankara, İstanbul and İzmir tours, EMU Tourism Club chair Bilal Khan stated that their next cultural visit which will take place on 28 October will cover Hatay-Antakya region in Turkey.

Students of Tourism and Hospitality Management School Celebrated International Museum Week

A group of international students from Eastern Mediterranean University School of Tourism and Hospitality Management marked the International Museum Week by taking part in a civic involvement Project which took place under the coordinatorship of EMU Community Involvement Center Executive Board member Dr. Nazenin Ruso.



Taking place within the framework of the International Museum Week celebrated between 14 and 19 May, the event commenced with a 'Flash Mob' activity involving regional dance shows of students from Azerbaijan, Cameroon, Nigeria, Turkmenistan, Turkey and Iran and finished with an international karaoke activity which took place in front of Department of Antiquities and Museums in Famagusta.

A flash mob is a social activity involving a group of strangers who organize themselves to gather together in a public place, behave in a predetermined manner for a predetermined amount of time before quickly dispersing. At the end of the event which attracted shop owners', tourists and other onlookers' attention, participating students shouted as "Happy Museum Week". When students were asked about the purpose of the organisation, they said that they wanted to raise public awareness on the International Museum Week.

EMU CEC Offers World Cuisine Courses with Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department



Eastern Mediterranean University Continuing Education Center is offering culinary courses on local and international cuisines both to EMU and local community in collaboration with Tourism Faculty, Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department. Taking place between 11 May and 19 June 2015, the courses will be delivered by chefs who possess international certificates.

Having introduced an array of courses and certificate programs during the 2015-2014 Academic Year Spring Semester, EMU Continuing Education Center continues to provide services to EMU and Famagusta community. The culinary courses offered by the CEC will



Black sea and Georgia Tour

Following trips to Ankara, Istanbul and Izmir this semester students from Eastern Mediterranean University participated in a tour of the Black Sea region in Turkey followed by a 2 day trip to Georgia. Special thanks to Dr.Nazenin Ruso who worked tirelessly to plan the tour and aided by Senior Instructor Huseyin Bilsen. Students from all cultures, including Palestine, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, China, Cyprus, Turkey, Pakistan and Iran all participated in the tour. Besides visiting the attractions of each city the overall friendship and unification of cultures from our students was overwhelming. Hopefully in the near future another exciting and cultural tour will be planned.



THANK YOU PROF.DR.MEHMET ALTINAY



After almost 20 years, our Dean Prof.Dr.Mehmet Altınay retired from our faculty. There is so much to say about his achievements and dedication to the faculty. Our former Dean excelled in motivating not only students but academics as well. His departure is one of sadness but at the same time we wish him the best for the future and his new life goals.



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