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1 Introduction

1.1. MESSAGE FROM THE CEO, DR. CHRISTOFOROS HADJIKYPRIANOU AND THE RECTOR, PROF. KOSTAS GOULIAMOS

The path to the digital age gives rise to the knowledge economy. In the era of internationalization and Global Learning, knowledge economy is an indispensable pillar to planning a sustainable future – economically, socially and culturally.

Within this context, education is the ultimate key to safeguarding the values of sustainable growth, innovation, inclusiveness, employability, social responsibility, and creative and critical thinking. This is the very foundation of our operation at European University Cyprus (EUC). All of us – students, faculty, teaching and administrative personnel – are part of perhaps the most important institution of our Region. We are also aligned with the industry's and society's plan for growth, which demands educating and developing a skilled workforce and advancing students' strengths, particularly through innovation, to build the knowledge economy.

As a university, we are also aligned with both the European Union's and the State's economic plan and inclusive innovation agenda. In particular, given the economic imperative to innovate while at the same time remain competitive and diversify, the role of European University Cyprus in our country's economy is more important now than ever before. We continue to be a thriving and operationally stable institution and one of the Region's top Universities with a robust core of teaching and research programs. We continue to attract top-tier students and faculty, as well as new research and industry opportunities. People want to come to a country that has an innovative university at its core, particularly a "Medical" university, that is, a university with both a Medical School and Life and Health Sciences programs; our Medical studies play an enormous role in health-care innovation affecting Cypriots, Europeans, and the international community. Meanwhile, we have one of the broadest arrays of disciplines offered by any university in the Region, and this is a crucial advantage for our future.

Whether for the development of academic programs or research projects, we engage teams of experts coming from different disciplines, scientific and academic fields, thus building and promoting cooperations of interdisciplinary nature, while also including partners from the industry, community and government agencies. With the operation of the Microsoft Innovation Center, we are creating start-ups and hubs of innovation built around several of our signature areas; these hubs are magnets for top talent. We are generating distinctive ideas and are identifying new venues of collaborating and accelerating innovation by building bridges through which many of the Region's next generation of leaders will emerge.

We are educating engaged Cypriot, European and International citizens. This is the university whose present and future rest on its great potential to inquire, to inform, to innovate, to produce and to transfer knowledge.



A blue ink signature of Dr. Christoforos Hadjikyprianou, consisting of stylized cursive letters.

Dr. Christoforos Hadjikyprianou
CEO



A blue ink signature of Prof. Kostas Gouliamos, featuring a large, stylized initial 'K' followed by the name.

Prof. Kostas Gouliamos
Rector

SENATE MEMBERS 2015-2016



1	Kostas Gouliamos	Rector, Chair
2	Andreas Makris	Vice-Rector, Academic Affairs
3	Andreas Efstathiou	Vice-Rector, Research and External Relations
4	Christos Kassimeris	Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences
5	Christos Dimopoulos	Dean, School of Sciences
6	George Boustras	Dean, School of Business
7	Loizos Symeou	Dean, School of Arts and Education
8	George Marcoullis	Dean, School of Medicine
9	Iacovos Farsedakis	Dean, School of Law
9	Christoforos Hadjikyprianou	Managing Director
10	Onisiforos Iordanous	School of Business - Faculty
11	Despina Marouchou	School of Business - Faculty
12	Demetris Hadjiloucas	School of Science - Faculty
13	George Panayiotou	School of Science - Faculty
14	Andreas Orphanides	School of Humanities and Social Sc. - Faculty
15	Charis Xinari	School of Humanities and Social Sc. - Faculty
16	Loucas Louca	School of Arts and Educ. - Faculty
17	Sophia Hadjipapa-Gee	School of Arts and Educ. - Faculty
18	Elpida-Niki Emmanouil-Nikoloussi	School of Medicine - Faculty
19	Anastasis Stephanou	School of Medicine - Faculty
20	Philippe Jogleux	School of Law - Faculty
21	Stamatina Yannakourou	School of Law - Faculty
22	Stephanos Leandrou	STP Rep., School of Sciences
23	Kyproula Makri	STP Rep., School of Arts and Education Sciences
24	Maria Angeli	STP Rep., School of Business Administration
25	Nicos Sozos	STP Rep., School of Humanities and Social Sciences
26	Margarita Papantoniou	STP Rep., School of Law

2 University Facilities



2.1. MICROSOFT INNOVATION CENTER (MIC)

Microsoft Innovation Center Cyprus - MIC Cyprus is one of the most important projects for the support and development of innovation, entrepreneurship and technology in Cyprus. It is a collaboration between European University of Cyprus and Microsoft.

With the aim of promoting entrepreneurship and adopting innovation at all levels of the economy and education, a series of activities were delivered during its first year of operation.

More than 150 Cyprus-based startups are actively supported by MIC through specialized and custom-made services and projects, such as specialized training, investment attraction, technical support and technical workshops. A significant number of our supported startups have already succeeded on the global financial map.

Activities specially designed for students such as the Robotics Workshop “Deconstructing Robots” attracted more than 5,000 elementary and secondary school participants, while specialized training aims at acquiring entrepreneurial skills for primary, secondary and tertiary level students in Cyprus.

Significant partnerships with academics, scientists and professionals are designed and delivered with specialized training for students and professionals. Collaborations with organizations such as AIPFE (International Association for the Promotion of Women of Europe), the Embassy of Israel in Cyprus and the American Embassy have provided a series of actions with distinguished international visitors on entrepreneurship, female entrepreneurship and innovation.

MIC Cyprus, one of the 110 Innovation Centers globally, is supported by some of the biggest companies in the country: Bernhard Schulte Shipmanagement, Cyprus Computer Society, CNP ΑΣΦΑΛΙΣΤΙΚΗ and CNP CYPRIALIFE, Cyta, Exxon Mobil, EY Cyprus, Gnomi Communication Consultants, Headcandy, IN Business magazine, Laureate International Universities, Logicom Solutions and NetU.

3 Academic Affairs

3.1. MESSAGE FROM THE VICE RECTOR OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, PROF. ANDREAS MAKRIS

On the occasion of the issuing of the second edition of the Annual Report of the European University Cyprus (2015-16), I take the opportunity to stress the fact, that over the past year, the Office of the Vice Rector of Academic Affairs has operated maintaining excellent working relationships and full synergy with all Schools/Departments, Administrations as well as external stakeholders.

During the academic year 2015-16 twelve new programs were submitted to the "Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education (DIPAE)". The evaluation process has been completed for all applications, and a number of programs have already been approved, while the decision is still pending for others.

During the same period, the process of modifying the University Charter was completed; a process which was approached in a systematic and participative manner, in order not only to update it, but also to include new data and regulations.

In addition, the Faculty Development Program has been implemented. The program aims to enrich the colleagues' knowledge concerning pedagogy, as well as to develop and upgrade their teaching skills, in order to maximize student learning. The program was well received, with high participation and very positive results.

Through our joint efforts, the University is moving forward and is rising in ranks, focusing on excellence and innovation. This creates additional responsibility to all, something which, I believe, is easily attainable.

3.2. NEW STUDY PROGRAMS OFFERED DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2015-16

3.2.1. SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Bachelor Degrees

■ Mass Media and Communication (4 years, Bachelor of Arts)

The BA Mass Media and Communication offers a unique degree that combines the theoretical and practical approach to Media and Communication Studies, while also maintaining high research standards. Its interdisciplinary nature and fostering of critical thinking are core elements of the program. All courses, whether theoretical or practical, are designed so as to equip students with the necessary tools that reflect the needs of the media sector, as well as those of the scientific field of communication.

Master Degrees

■ Psychology (2 years, Master of Science)

This is an applied program with an option to follow one of the two specializations (clinical or counseling) in the profession of Psychology. It leads to a Master of Science degree (MSc.) that allows for professional licensure in the Republic of Cyprus. It is focused on preparing candidates to be able to apply psychological assessment, diagnostic formulations and psychotherapeutic interventions.

Master Degrees - Distance Learning

■ Career Guidance and Counseling (18 Months, Master)

The program seeks to provide a high level of scientific knowledge to prepare qualified scientists who will help individuals in career planning, professional and educational guidance, and in career development and growth.

3.2.2. SCHOOL OF LAW

Doctorate Degrees

■ Law (PhD)

The PhD in Law is the highest degree offered by the Law Department of European University Cyprus, forming the pinnacle of the pyramid composed by the Bachelor degree in Law (LL.B) and the Master degree in Law (LL.M). The particular program of study is addressed to candidates with advanced research interests in Law who are willing and able to conduct research in a field falling within the legal science and to write a thesis of 80.000 - 100.000 words outlining and analyzing their research results. At the end of the program, PhD candidates shall be called upon to defend their thesis before an examiners' committee, which will include at least one external examiner. The PhD thesis should represent an original, significant and substantial contribution to scientific knowledge in the domain to which it refers. Apart from the above, PhD students will have the opportunity to conduct research in the dynamic and continuously developing research team of the Law Department of European University Cyprus and under the supervision of two members of the department, one supervisor and one co-supervisor. At the same time, they will have to attend research methodology modules and seminars on advanced legal issues in the context of which they will have to produce relevant coursework, which they will have the opportunity to present in seminars or conferences within and outside the university. The ultimate aim of the program is the development of the PhD student into an independent researcher capable of producing scientific work of the highest caliber in the legal domain.

3.2.3. SCHOOL OF SCIENCES

Bachelor Degrees

■ Occupational Therapy (4 years, Bachelor of Science)

The Occupational Therapy program provides students with an extensive understanding of the importance of evaluation and the application of treatment as a tool for growth, recovery or sustainability of living and work skills to individuals (children and adults) with physical, mental or cognitive disabilities. The Occupational therapist intervenes and adjusts the environment of the individual through means and suitable auxiliary equipment that will enable the individual to improve his/her living conditions and generally quality of life.

Doctorates

■ Computing/Computer Science (PhD)

The doctorate degree in Computing/Computer Science provides the future PhD holders with the necessary skills and abilities to become successful academics demonstrating an excellence in research and making a significant contribution to the local and international research community in the field of Computing/Computer Science. Through a minimum of a 3-year period, candidates develop critical thinking, formulate their own opinions, acquire research culture, and become autonomous researchers able to plan, develop, implement and coordinate research studies, as well as to reason and present their findings to the international scientific community.

■ Nursing (PhD)

The aim of the doctorate degree in Nursing is to provide the future PhD holders with the necessary skills and abilities to become a new generation of successful researchers. The doctorate degree in Nursing, through a minimum of a 3-year period, aims to develop the research skills and abilities of the doctorate degree candidates, enhance their critical thinking, their research ethics and enable them to design, develop, coordinate and implement a research study. Moreover, the purpose of the doctorate degree in Nursing is to enable the doctorate degree candidates, to justify, support their research methodology, and present their findings in the local and international health care community. Finally, the doctorate degree program in Nursing aims to create successful researchers who will contribute to the development, the improvement and the innovation in the nursing research studies and enhance the research progress not only within the nursing discipline but also in the wider framework of the healthcare professions.

4 Distance Education Unit



4.1. DISTANCE EDUCATION UNIT

The Distance Education Unit was established in October 2013 and offers fully accredited e-learning programs leading to Bachelor and Master degrees. The purpose of the Unit is to offer access to education and training to all people who cannot attend the face-to-face programs due to personal, professional and/or geographical reasons. In this way, European University of Cyprus responds to the current and growing learning needs of today's society, through alternative education programs, and promotes equal opportunities in the field of Education.

The EUC Distance Education Unit, from a pedagogical perspective, has a concrete education model, tailored to the needs of students and the special characteristics of e-learning in the Hellenic region (Greece and Cyprus). The student occupies a predominant position since the entire process aims to enhance his/her learning process. In other words, the learning activity is the core of the model, which includes three fundamental elements that come together in the design of the activities: learning resources, collaboration and guidance from both the teaching and administrative staff. Our programs are taught by the highly-qualified faculty of European University Cyprus or external associates, specialists in their respective fields, with experience in Distance Education and in the use of the most advanced Information and Communication Technologies for teaching.

For the academic year 2015-16, 4 Bachelor

- Business Studies,
- Marketing, Communications and Social Media
- English Language & Literature,
- Psychology

and 10 Master Degrees

- Business Administration,
- Public Health,
- English Language & Literature,
- Career Guidance & Counseling,
- Special (Inclusive) Education,
- Education Leadership,
- Early Childhood Education,
- Learning & Communication Technologies,
- Information Systems,
- Music Education

were offered, all of which are fully accredited in Greece by the Hellenic NARIC and in Cyprus by the Ministry of Education and Culture.

5 Accreditations

5.1. INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE

Quality assurance has always been of exceptional importance to European University Cyprus as quality is the key to maintaining one of the most important positions in higher education, at both national and international level.

The monitoring of the efficiency and use of the internal and external mechanisms and indicators of quality assurance, on institutional level and on program level, makes European University Cyprus one of the most reliable and innovative institutions in Southeastern Europe,

Internal Quality Assurance at EUC is conducted based on the Quality Management Handbook, approved by the Committee on Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA) and the University Council. The purpose of this procedure is to ensure the continuous improvement of programs of study offered by EUC, as well as , to evaluate, whether it complies, at institutional level, with European Standards and Guidelines. Every 3 years, each academic program of study undergoes a self- assessment, and an extensive Program Self-Assessment Report (SAR) is produced.

During the academic year 2015-16, the Quality Assurance procedure was applied to the following Programs of Study:

A/A	PROGRAM	PROGRAM COORDINATOR
1	School of Business Administration Banking and Finance (BBA)	Dr. Simona Mihai
2	School of Arts and Education Sciences Graphic Design (BA)	Dr. Sofia Hadjipapa
3	Music (BA)	Dr. Yiannis Mirallis
4	Education Sciences (MA) • Education Leadership • Special (Inclusive) Education • Early Childhood Education • Technologies of Learning and Communication	Dr. Loucas Louca Dr. Loizos Symeou Dr. Loizos Symeou Dr. Maria Meletiou Mavrotheris
5	Education Sciences – Distance Learning (MA) • Education Leadership • Special (Inclusive) Education • Early Childhood Education • Technologies of Learning and Communication	Dr. Loucas Louca Dr. Loizos Symeou Dr. Loizos Symeou Dr. Maria Meletiou Mavrotheris
6	School of Medicine Medicine (MD)	Dr. George Marcoullis
7	School of LAW LAW (Cyprus Law) (LLB)	Dr. Alexandros Tsadiras
8	School of Sciences Mathematics (BSc)	Dr. Demetris Hadjiloucas
9	Radiodiagnostics- Radiotherapy (BSc)	Dr. Marilena Theodorou
10	Nutrition - Dietetics (BSc)	Dr. Christiana Filippou
11	School of Humanities and Social Sciences English Language and Literature (BA)	Dr. Petra Tournay
12	Psychology (BA)	Dr. Eleonora Papaleontiou Louca
13	Social Work (BA)	Dr. Evanthia Papasavva

The Committee on Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA) has a major role for the implementation of the procedures regarding Quality Assurance. The Composition of the Committee on Internal Quality Assurance, for the Academic Year 2015-16, was:

Vice- Rector for Academic Affairs (Chair)	Prof. Andreas Makris
One faculty member from each School of the University: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School of Arts & Education Sciences - School of Humanities & Social Sciences - School of Sciences - School of Business Administration - School of Medicine - School of Law 	Dr. Georgia Petroudi, Assistant Professor Dr. Stavros Karayannis, Associate Professor Dr. Giagkos Lavranos, Assistant Professor Dr. Pieris Chourides, Assistant Professor Dr. Despo Ierodiakonou, Lecturer Dr. Konstantinos Tsimaras, Assistant Prof.
Up to two members, specialized in Quality Assurance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School of Sciences - School of Business Administration 	Dr. Ioannis Karis, Visiting Lecturer Dr. Panayiotis Laghos, Scientific Collaborator
One representative from the Administration	Christos Tsiappas, Enrollment Management Director
Two registered students of the University	Antonis Aristodemou Andreas Maliappis
Secretary of the Committee	Marianna Papaconstantinou

5.2. U-MULTIRANK

The new European Union funded multi-dimensional tool U-Multirank that ranks universities and colleges worldwide has granted European University Cyprus the highest ranking in two key strategic areas: Research and International Orientation.

U-Multirank is a link between the European Commission and a new multidimensional international ranking system for universities and other higher education institutions. It is a unique new independent tool – first implemented in 2014 – that provides information on more than 1,200 higher education institutions, 1,800 schools, 7,500 study programmes from more than 80 countries. It thus offers a clear picture of a broad spectrum of universities, as well as their potential contribution to development. More specifically, the strategic objectives set by the European University of Cyprus – which broadly reflect Laureate International Universities' own stated strategic focus for quality and excellence in the crucial aspects of internationalisation and research – European University Cyprus was assessed with top marks.

In five out of six categories of internationalization (international orientation of education), European University Cyprus has been evaluated and recorded with the highest performance.

Moreover, European University Cyprus has achieved the highest performance in Top Cited Publications, International Joint Publications, Art Related Output and Student Internships in the Region.

The marks received for alumni engagement and student internship were also extremely high. The U-Multirank performance confirms the progress of European University Cyprus, as well as its establishment in the European higher education area, focusing on quality and excellence.



6 Library

6.1. ΣΥΝΕΡΓΑΣΙΕΣ ΜΕ ΠΑΝΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΙΑ / ΟΡΓΑΝΙΣΜΟΥΣ ΤΟΥ ΕΞΩΤΕΡΙΚΟΥ

The European University of Cyprus Library has two primary objectives. The first objective is the continuous enrichment of its collection with quality educational materials (books, magazines, compact discs) in order to meet the needs of students, faculty, and the public. Recognizing user needs for instant access to information, the second objective is to provide and maintain high-quality services that will encourage the appropriate use of the Library by faculty and students.

In 2015-2016, 2,064 library titles of books and other materials were catalogued (except periodicals), bringing the entire collection to 44,000 unique printed titles. The collection of electronic journals consists of 89,000 titles including 68,000 that provide access to the full text of the article. The collection of electronic books includes 150,000 titles through subscriptions with major vendors such Springer, Oxford, IEEE, Sage, ACM, Cambridge, and others.

The EUC library, as one of the founding members, actively participates in the informal Cyprus Academic Libraries Consortium (CALC), which aims at jointly securing cheaper information sources. In the academic year 2015-2016, the library signed new agreements with major publishers of scientific information sources bringing the number of subscriptions to 107.

During this year, the library concluded the transfer of data to the new Integrated Library System (KOHA).

The Library maintains a website, redesigned in 2015-2016 and through which users can have access to all the databases available through subscriptions. In addition, users may access free resources offered as part of the open access through a dedicated webpage offering links to the best free sites.

The library took part in the First Book Festival (12/06) which took place at the Acropolis Park, in Nicosia. The Book Festival has established itself as an institution encouraging Cypriot citizens to reengage with books and highlighting the work of Cypriot writers.

During the academic year 2015-2016, the library conducted a number of seminars in collaboration with teachers, in order to educate students about the proper way to use the library's facilities, as well as raising awareness about what the library has to offer with emphasis on electronic resources.

The library staff attended training seminars such as "Digitizing Hardware Projects – Managing Digital Repositories" and educational seminars on Microsoft Office.

7

Research and External Affairs

7.1. MESSAGE FROM THE VICE RECTOR OF RESEARCH AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, PROF. ANDREAS EFSTATHIOU

The research activity of European University Cyprus has continued to develop at an impressive rate in the current academic year. The number of Scopus-indexed publications authored by University faculty and researchers has increased by about 20% compared with the previous academic year and total external research funding exceeded €600,000. It is noteworthy that the University secured a large proportion of its funding from the Horizon 2020 program of the European Commission. According to official statistics by the Research Promotion Foundation, the University ranks as the most successful private university in Cyprus in securing funding from Horizon 2020.

A number of our faculty received important awards and international distinctions and a number of new promising scientists joined our faculty. In the 2016 U-Multirank ranking, European University Cyprus was ranked as the leading University in Cyprus and Greece in citation rate, which is indicative of the quality of the University's research output in the last few years.

The University has also considerably expanded the network of international universities and organizations with which it collaborates and signed a series of Memoranda of Understanding. Significant progress has also been made in extending the network of universities in Europe with which we exchange students and faculty within the Erasmus+ program. This year we also had the opportunity to participate in an international mobility program (beyond Europe) under Erasmus+.

7.2. FACULTY DISTINCTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Dr. Panagiotis Papagiorgis, Assistant Professor of the School of Sciences, received the Cyprus Research Promotion Foundation's "Cyprus Research Award - Young Researcher 2015".
- Professor Nikki – Elpida Emmanuel Nikoloussi of the School of Medicine, received from the International scientific association MEDICHEM, the gold medal for her contribution as a member of the association's board of directors for the period 2013-2016.
- The International Association of Criminologists AICLF in Geneva awarded the Beaumont-Toqueville Award to Professor Iacovos Farsedakis of the School of Law for his great contribution to the international development and progress of the Science of Criminology in the last fifty years.
- Professor Gerasimos Filippatos Visiting Professor at the School of Medicine, was included in the Thomson Reuters list of the world's most influential 3,000 researchers.
- Dr. George Boustras Associate Professor and Dean of the School of Business, was appointed as editor of the leading international scientific journal Safety Science of Elsevier publications.
- Professor Marios Vrionides of the School of Arts and Education Sciences was appointed, following the official proposal by the Research Promotion Foundation, as the Cyprus Representative to the Management Committee «Europe in a changing world - Inclusive, Innovative and Reflective societies» of the HORIZON 2020 Research EU Framework Programme.
- Dr. Constadina Charalambous, Assistant Professor of Language Education and Literacy at the Department of Education Sciences, as of 2015 will represent the European University Cyprus at the international consortium INCOLAS (International Consortium for Language & Superdiversity). INCOLAS consists of leading universities across the world and promotes cooperation between universities through routine meetings, summer schools for PhD students, digital learning and teaching materials, research projects and academic mobility.
- Dr. Constadina Charalambous (Department of Education Sciences) on 15 January 2016 was appointed by the President of the Republic of Cyprus as a member of the Technical Committee of Education. This Committee aims to coordinate educational issues in the two communities of Cyprus in view of a common peaceful future in the country.

- Winning Score at International Call for Scores competition by the American Association for the Promotion of New Music (APNM): Tethys–Tethys composed by Dr. George Christofi (Department of Arts) was among the five works selected after an international call for scores competition launched by the New York based Association for the Promotion of New Music (APNM). APNM organizes a Music Festival entitled Chamber Music for the 21st Century where Dr. Christofi's work will be performed in May 2016 by the Ensemble Pi music group at the National Opera Center in New York.
- Dr Elena Stylianou's (Department of Arts) journal article "Editorial: Photography, artists and museums" (co-authored with Dr Theopisti Stylianou-Lambert) and published in Photographies in September 2014 [vol.7(2), pp. 117-130] ranks amongst the journal's most read articles. Photographies is considered to be one of the most significant academic peer-reviewed journals in the field of arts and visual culture.

7.3. PARTICIPATION IN FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS

European University Cyprus, received during the academic year 2015-2016, research funding amounting to €623,639. A substantial portion of this amount has been awarded from EU programmes. A detailed table with all funded projects can be found below:

START DATE	END DATE	FUNDING PROGRAMME	PROJECT	AMOUNT (€)	TOTAL AMOUNT (€)
16/12/2015	16/08/2016	Tender (National)	TKNS: Early Intervention for High-Risk Groups of Children and Adolescents	24,800.00	24,800.00
15/04/2016	31/12/2016	European Anti-Fraud Office's (OLAF) Hercule III programme	Financial Investigation Coordination in Cyprus	60,908.05	60,908.05
01/06/2016	31/05/2018	Cyprus RPF - Young Researcher	«Elucidation of the signaling mechanisms that promote IL 13Ra2-mediated breast cancer metastasis»	68,603.10	35,000.00
01/06/2016	31/05/2020	Creative Europe	Interfaces	3,731,737.92	186,652.13
01/09/2016	31/08/2018	Erasmus+	Green Entrepreneurship Training - Underpinning Prosperity (GET-UP)	294,855.25	29,040.00
01/09/2016	31/08/2019	Erasmus+	THE LIVING BOOK – Augmenting Reading For Life	373,855.00	84,422.00
01/09/2016	28/02/2019	Erasmus+	PLAY&LEARN DIGIMEDIA - Playful Learning Experience - Enhancing adult education and learning environments with digital media	247,545.00	42,285.00
01/09/2016	31/08/2018	Erasmus+	SHADOWS - Supporting Graduate Entrepreneurship in the Creative Sector	299,046.00	32,835.00
01/09/2016	31/01/2019	Erasmus+	Teaching European Sign Languages as a First Language - TESILALA1	262,570.00	30,065.00
01/10/2016	30/09/2018	Erasmus+	BONDS - Booster the emotional dimension of social inclusion for immigrant mothers and children	220,548.00	25,165.00
01/10/2016	30/09/2018	Erasmus+	Bright@EU	176,240.00	36,453.00
01/10/2016	31/08/2018	Erasmus+	HeadsUP - Heads using Professional Learning Communities	238,587.00	36,014.00
TOTAL				5,999,295	623,639.18

7.4. PARTICIPATION IN OTHER RESEARCH PROJECTS

Faculty members of European University Cyprus participate in a number of projects of Basic and Applied research which are carried out in collaboration with scientists from leading universities around the world (indicatively, Harvard, Oxford, Imperial College London, Cambridge, University College London, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens). In the academic year 2015-2016, faculty members of European University Cyprus published numerous articles in international Scopus-indexed journals in a very broad range of research areas: Computer Science, Physical Sciences and Engineering, Medicine, Health Sciences, Education Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences, Business Administration etc.

7.5. RESEARCH CENTERS

■ SCHOOL OF ARTS AND EDUCATION SCIENCES

7.5.1. INQUIRY IN SCIENCE AND MATH EDUCATION RESEARCH GROUP



The Inquiry in Science and Math Education Research Group is a research unit at the Department of Education Sciences of European University Cyprus, aiming at working with education stakeholders in Cyprus – public and private education, teacher communities and educational institutions and services – to contribute towards the building of the necessary foundations to encourage innovative approaches in research, teaching and learning in Science and Mathematics Education. Scholars in the area of Education Sciences agree that solutions to issues related to supporting and promoting effective teaching and learning in Science and Mathematics Education lie in the close collaboration of teachers, school communities, public authorities and researchers, offering unique opportunities to share insight, knowledge, and commitment for the enhancement of the quality of kindergarten, primary, secondary and university-level education in Cyprus. The Group's work in research in learning and teaching follows three major focal areas, particularly important for the education in Cyprus: (a) the need for interdisciplinary approaches; (b) the need to inform theoretical approaches from everyday practice and vice-versa; and (c) the need for approaches that cover and unify the complete spectrum of the educational system.

The current annual report includes activities of the research during 2015-2016.

EVENTS

As part of the research project STING (STEM Teacher Training Innovation for Gender Balance, Erasmus+ 2014-1-ES01-KA201-003688), a one-day workshop entitled "Differentiation, Diversity and Gender: Contemporary Approaches in Teaching and Learning Science in Primary School" was organized on 23 January 2016 by the Inquiry in Science and Math Research Group. The objective of the workshop was the development and the improvement of teaching skills and experiences of teachers in science-teaching, ultimately seeking to promote positive learning attitudes of female students towards STEM education. More details about the workshop can be found here <https://www.facebook.com/events/1054484717937513/>. 30 in-service upper-primary school science teachers from 18 different public schools attended the workshop. Teachers engaged in a number of theoretical and practical science activities, aiming at providing them with rich experiences and conceptual background in issues related to gender balance in science education.

The Inquiry in Science and Math Research Group participated in a workshop entitled "Robotics through the eyes of students in Cyprus: Games, competitions, creative activities" which was organized on 24-25 May 2016 at European University Cyprus. The workshop was organized as part of the Microsoft Innovation Center educational technology activities for students aged 10-14. The workshop was co-organized by the Microsoft Innovation Center. The objective of the workshop was to inform students aged 10-14 about the history and development of robotics, to familiarize them with contemporary robots and to practice basic programming and robotics principles through creative activities and games. More details can be found here <https://www.facebook.com/events/1188945967804620/>. 650 students from 17 different Primary and Lower Secondary schools attended the workshop.

During Summer 2016, the Inquiry in Science and Math Research Group co-organized with the Microsoft Innovation Center an innovative program for students aged 5-12 who participated in Summer Schools. The program was funded by the research project STING (Erasmus+ 2014-1-ES01-KA201-003688). The program aimed to familiarize summer school students with various professions, industries, technologies and areas of educational

research through guided tours and creative activities at the School of Medicine, the School of Law and the Court room, the Department of Information Technology and the University wall with numbers, the School of Education Sciences the Microsoft Innovation Center, the Library and the Department of Arts. More details can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/233625187019505/>. The organization, planning and teaching was conducted by the Inquiry in Science and Math Research Group. The program hosted 300 students.

On 23 May, the Inquiry in Science and Math Research Group co-organised with Terra Cypria and educational program for Biodiversity of Cyprus. The program took place in Paphos and more than 550 schoolchildren participated.

RESEARCH PROGRAMS

During 2015-2016, the Inquiry in Science and Math Research Group participated in the STING project - STEM Teacher training innovation for Gender balance (Erasmus+ 2014-1-ES01-KA201-003688). The STING project aims to promote gender awareness within STEM education to improve Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education. Involving transnational cooperation between teachers and schools, teacher trainers, science centers, other educational stakeholders, companies and policy makers, this innovative teacher development program seeks to share best educational practice for gender balance. By fostering international cooperation, its ultimate goal is that teachers will integrate gender awareness into their practice to improve STEM Education.

During March 2016, the Inquiry in Science and Math Research Group participated in the development and submission of the research program HeadsUP - Heads Using Professional Learning Communities (Erasmus+ 2016-1-DE03-KA201-022992), which was funded and launched on 1 October 2016 for a duration of 3 years. The goal of HeadsUP is to improve the achievements of pupils in an inclusive setting and the successful integration and education of refugee children by enhancing the professional development of school leaders (heads) and, consecutively, of teachers. It will be realized through structured, collaborative, problem-solving activities within the special treatment of professional learning communities of school leaders that result in teacher learning groups. These will work on better skills for successful teaching and classroom management; bringing teachers together in learning groups in each school for specific subjects and in specific ways.

During March 2016, the Inquiry in Science and Math Research Group participated in the development and submission of the research program STEMitUP – Instilling interest for STEM entrepreneurship to young people across Europe), which was submitted in Cyprus but was not funded. The project sought to adopt an inclusive science and technology education model that would encourage the participation of learners from diverse cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds in order to address declining interest in STEM subjects and careers, and to raise the educational standards of European youth in these disciplines. STEMitUp also sought to stimulate the entrepreneurial mindsets of boys and girls equally so that they start thinking seriously about choosing STEM entrepreneurship as the best possible career.

Dr. Loucas T. Louca (Director)

Associate Professor, Science Education, Department of Education Sciences

7.5.2. EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION LAB

The Early Childhood Education Lab (ECE Lab) functions in multiple and dynamic ways, which have an undisputable immediate and positive effect on the further development of early childhood educators and particularly students enrolled in the BA Early Childhood Education program of European University Cyprus. It also brings together the University with the broader educational community. More specifically, the ECE Lab:

- Is used for courses directly related with teaching and learning methodology in various ways. It supports the development and learning of ECE students through activities, which foster project-based learning, hands-onminds-on learning, real life experience learning.

During the Academic Year 2015-2016, the Lab has been used repeatedly for this type of activities as part of the following courses:

EDG202 Fundamental Issues in Early Childhood Education, Instructor: Chrystalla Papademetri
EDG111 Methodological Approaches in Early Childhood Education, Instructor: Chrystalla Papademetri
EDG211 Communication Skills in Early Childhood Education, Instructor: Nektarios Stellakis
EDG213 Literacy in Early Childhood Education, Instructor: Chrystalla Papademetri
EDG270 Social Studies in Early Childhood Education, Instructor: Nektarios Stellakis
EDG213 Literacy in Early Childhood Education, Instructor: Konstantina Rentzou
EDG280 School Experience I, Instructor: Marianna Efstathiadou
EDG142 Introduction to Mathematical Thinking, Instructor: Chrystalla Papademetri

EDG390 School Experience II, Instructor: Marianna Efstathiadou
 EDG230 Mathematical Literacy in Early Childhood Education, Instructor: Chrystalla Papademetri
 EDG405 School Experience III, Instructor: Marianna Efstathiadou
 EDG408 Contemporary Issues in Early Childhood Education, Instructor: Marina Katsaris
 EDG 214 The art of story-telling, Instructor: Marina Katsaris

- Is equipped with learning and pedagogical material that are widely used and supports many program courses.

During the academic year 2015-2016, the material and equipment of the Lab has been used to support all of the aforementioned courses. Additionally, it supported a research project aiming at developing the reflective skills of early childhood education students. The research project is part of the research conducted by Marianna Efstathiadou who is the coordinator of the school experience program as part of her PHD studies. The director of the lab, Chrystalla Papademetri is Mrs. Efstathiadou's supervisor.

- Accommodates groups of children through school visits organized by the faculty. The faculty often invites preschools and primary schools throughout the year to visit European University Cyprus and to participate in creative learning and playing activities, in which students enrolled in different courses can observe and participate.

During the Academic Year 2015-2016 the following schools were invited to the ECE Lab:

- During S2016 as part of course EDG111 (Instructor: Chrystalla Papademetri), and course EDG280 School Experience I (Instructor: Marianna Efstathiadou) the private preschool Charoumena Paidakia was invited and participated in a creative story-telling activity and free-play activities. The ECE students had the opportunity to observe their instructors implement activities based on contemporary approaches to learning.
- During S2016 as part of course EDG230 (Instructor: Chrystalla Papademetri), a class of first graders from the B' Makedonitissa Primary School were invited and participated in a creative mathematical learning activity and mathematical free-play activities. The ECE students had the opportunity to observe their instructor implement activities based on contemporary approaches to learning mathematics.

- The ECE Lab runs as a curriculum resource, since the students can borrow children's books (the lab holds a very rich collection of children's books which is constantly enriched), handbooks concerning early childhood education practice, as well as teaching and pedagogical material.

During the Academic Year 2015-2016, a system was organized and systematized for loaning the ECE students resources from the Lab. The system was organized and implemented with the help of the unemployed University graduates that were employed by the University as part of a Hrdauth (Human Resource Development Authority) scheme. This procedure mainly supported the students enrolled in the school experience program.

- The ECE Lab participates and supports University events:

During the Academic Year 2015-2016, the Lab participated

- In the Cultural Month (June 2015) dedicated to Manos Hadjidakis by organizing an event for children aged 4-7. The event was based on a story for children that was written and illustrated by University Faculty and was based on Hadjidakis' life and work. Approximately 100 children from schools in Nicosia participated in the event.
- In the program 'A Day at European University Cyprus' (K2016) which was co-coordinated by the Microsoft Innovation Center, the Research and Learning Laboratory in Science, Mathematics & Social Studies Education and the Early Childhood Education Lab for children (5-12 years old) attending different Summer Schools. The children had the opportunity of a three-hour tour and to learn about the University through creative activities that took place at different centers (Microsoft Innovation Center) rooms (e.g court room), labs (e.g. ECE Lab), schools (e.g. School of Medicine) and Departments (e.g. Department of Arts, Department of Educational Studies) of the University. Seven groups of approximately 50 children each visited the University and took part in the program. Dr Chrystalla Papademetri and Dr Loucas Louca were in charge of the activities and the program coordination.

- The ECE Lab is modified and enriched on a yearly basis, based on an evaluation of its actions.

Chrystalla Papademetri-Kachrimani (Director)

Assistant Professor, Early Childhood Mathematics Education, Department of Education Sciences

7.5.3. CULTURAL STUDIES AND CONTEMPORARY ARTS LAB (CSCA LAB)



RESEARCH / CREATIVE PROJECTS

■ **Project Wonderland**

As part of the Wonderland Project, thirteen internationally renowned composers were initially commissioned to write short pieces on one of the great works of children's literature, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland of Lewis Carroll's, comprising 12 chapters and a prefatory poem. Pharos Arts Foundation in collaboration with the International Motion Festival Cyprus (European University Cyprus). Ms. Dimitra Egglezou and Ms. Yianna Christoforou –members of the CSCA lab – created Chapter 1 "Stin kounelotrypa" with Roxannas Panuflik's music.

■ **Urban Emptiness / Soundscapes of Nicosia and Limassol**

A practice-based research that explores the interconnection among walking, sounds and new media in digital and physical spaces in both cities. The aim of the project is to generate collective experiences and documentation of the diverse processes within the urban landscapes contributing to the dialogues and practices of the Urban Emptiness Network (urbanemptiness.org). Coordinators for Nicosia: Dr Sophia Hadjipapa and Dr Elena Stylianou, in collaboration with NeMe, Limassol

■ **The Participatory Museum Experience: an educational program for / with the public**

An educational program designed and implemented for the exhibition Glyn Hughes 1931-2014, presented at the Nicosia Municipal Art Center, associated with the Pierides Foundation. The program was based on the concept of the Participatory Museum and was implemented in three phases. During the first phase, master students of the Department of Art, from European University Cyprus participated in a relevant art workshop. In the second phase, during Museum Day (see below), EUC students collaborated with educators of different teaching levels with the aim of designing interactive activities for the general public. The research and visual material produced were presented in a dedicated area at the exhibition. In the third and final phase, new material were used for the design and implementation of specific museum and art activities for teenagers and preschool children in collaboration with Dr. Andri Savva. Lead Researcher: Dr Elena Stylianou

■ **Motion Vibes: An Educational Project**

An educational project that teaches motion design exclusively to deaf people with an artistic inclination. A sign-language translator helps communicate the theoretical parts of the class to the students, but each week we also work on the practical incorporation of design to sound and music. Lead researcher: Ms Demetra Englezou.

PUBLICATIONS / RESEARCH OUTCOMES

Stylianou, E. & Stylianou-Lambert, T. (eds) (2016) *Museums and Photography: Displaying Death*. London and New York: Routledge.

The edited volume "Museums and Photography" – the outcome of a continuous research by Dr. Elena Stylianou – adopts a strong theoretical approach in an in-depth investigation of the distinct approaches that different museums employ in displaying photographs of death, considering a broad range of anthropology, history, art, ethnographic, and science collections. As well as offering fresh insights into the varied museum strategies implemented for the photographic display of death, the editors also critically engage with recent debates concerning the changing role of museums and museums' responsibility in handling an immensely controversial photographic genre.

LECTURES / EVENTS (THE CSCA LAB WAS A PARTNER / CO-COORDINATOR OF ALL THE EVENTS BELOW)

- International Conference: Museum Day Seminar / 21 May, 2016 / at the Nicosia Municipal Arts Center, associated with the Pierides Foundation, Nicosia, Cyprus
A one-day symposium with title “Cyprus Museums: Cultural landscapes and memory” celebrates the International Museum Day to examine the various narratives constructed in and by different Cypriot museums, the ways in which these affect collective memory and identity, and the role of museums as agents of potential social change.
- International Conference: From Xenakis to The Present: The Continuum in Music and Architecture / 12-14 June 2016 / at European University Cyprus, Nicosia
An international conference organized in partnership with European University Cyprus (Cultural Studies and Contemporary Arts research laboratory (CSCA) and University of Cyprus (Architecture Dept.), the Center Iannis Xenakis, the GRHIS (Université de Rouen), ENSA Normandie. Parallel to our interrogations, two concerts were hosted, inspired by the sound continuum.
- Invited Guest Lecture: Greek-Cypriot Locality: (Re) Defining our Understanding of European Modernity / 7 September, 2016 / by Dr. Elena Stylianou and Nicos Philippou at the Leventis Gallery, Nicosia
This lecture discussed the emergence of Greek-Cypriot modernity, with regard to wider socio-political and cultural changes on the island of Cyprus at the turn of the twentieth century.

ARTS LECTURE SERIES

- Motion Design: from concept to screen / 2 November, 2015 / Animator Sofia Kyriakou
Sophia Kyriakou is an award-winning broadcast designer and 3D artist. She worked for European Business News before moving to the BBC, London.
- Museums, Visitors and Photography / 30 November, 2015 / Theopisti Stylianou-Lambert
Stylianou-Lambert presented her research from the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery, Washington DC, in which she examined how and why visitors use their cameras (including mobile phones and tablets) in the museum.
- Education and Museums in Cyprus / 7 December, 2015 / by Despo Pasia
Pasia presented the outcomes of a research project conducted in 2015 by Pasia and Stalo Antoniou and concerns educational programs that take place in museums.
- Praxeis / 17 June, 2016 / by artists Rinos Stefani and Susan Vargas
The two artists posed questions on current ecological and social matters, such as the protection of the biodiversity of Akamas, overconsumption, and the destruction of the environment.
- Open Lecture / 28 June, 2016 / by visual artist Aude Barrio
The presentation covered the collaborations with the contemporary music ensemble Batida, composer Brice Catherin and visual artist Barbara Meuli.

Dr Elena Stylianou (Director)

Assistant Professor in Art History and Theory, Department of Arts

■ SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

7.5.4. CENTER FOR RISK, SAFETY AND THE ENVIRONMENT (CERISE)



The Center for Risk, Safety and the Environment (CERISE) was established on 24 June 2011. CERISE's mission is to promote to the wider public and the local SME (industrial and business) communities the values and necessities of safety; to provide to the local SME communities (industrial and business) applied solutions, executive training and consulting; and to create a new generation of highly educated researchers and scholars in the areas of Risk, Safety and the Environment.

CERISE aims to foster high-level research and development; to provide tailor made services to the local and wider business and industrial community; and finally to establish itself as a provider of high-level educational output in the areas of safety and risk assessment in the micro and macro environment.

VARIOUS EVENTS AND PROJECTS

28 June 2016	1st Prototype of EU-funded IMPRESS Project successfully deployed and tested in Real-Life Civil Protection Multi-Agency Exercise at Palermo, IT
24 June 2016	Participation in Safe Evros 2016 – Civil Protection Greece Conference
20 June 2016	3CE project in the 10th Jubilee Summer Safety & Reliability Seminars
13 June 2016	MELOGIC project Table Top Exercise in Spain
8 June 2016	Public Awareness Event on Cybercrime with the Cyprus Cybercrime Center of Excellence (co-funded by the Prevention of and Fight against Crime Program of the European Union)
19 April 2016	MELOGIC project Training Event @EUC, Nicosia, CY (representatives of the Civil Defence, the Police, the Red Cross)
22 March 2016	EUSTO Final International Conference 26-27 May 2016 Dresden, Germany (project funded under the "Prevention, Preparedness and Consequence Management of Terrorism and other Security-related risks Program" of EU DG Home Affairs)
26 - 27 of January 2016	MELOGIC Partners' Meeting in Athens (GR)
4 December 2015	3rd EUSTO workshop at the Cultural Center of the University.
24 November 2015	EU Circle Partners meeting (funded by Horizon 2020 Security)
16-18 June 2015	2nd European Symposium of Fire Safety Science

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Dean, School of Business Administration, Associate Professor in Risk Assessment

■ SCHOOL OF SCIENCES

7.5.5. DECISION SUPPORT & SYSTEMS OPTIMISATION LABORATORY



The Decision Support & Systems Optimisation (DSSO) Laboratory entered its second year of operation during the Academic period 2015-2016. A significant number of research activities were implemented by the researchers of the Laboratory, producing a considerable volume of related artefacts. In addition, the DSSO Laboratory became one of the constituent parts, which provided the basis for the development of the first Center of Excellence of the University, namely the Center of Excellence in Risk and Decision Sciences (CERIDES). In the following sections, the main research outputs of the Laboratory during the previous academic year are outlined.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

ANR (L'Agence nationale de la recherche) France – Projets Générique: Smart Planning - Intelligent Planning Of Goods Delivery Rounds (Total budget: €636,000)

European Commission – Erasmus+: The Living Book - Augmenting Reading For Life (Total budget: €400,000)

European Commission – FP7 Security: IMPRESS: Improving Preparedness and Response of Health Services in Major Crises (Total budget: €4.7 million)

European Commission – Horizon 2020: 3CE - Cyprus Cyber Crime Center of Excellence for Training, Research and Education (Total budget: €440,000)

European Commission – Horizon 2020: MOCHA: Developing and comparing new models for safe and efficient, prevention oriented health and care systems (Total budget: €6.8 million)

European Commission – Horizon 2020: SPARKS: Awareness-raising and engagement project to promote Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) across 29 European countries (Total budget: €3.5 million)

European Commission – LLP: School On Cloud: Connecting Education to the Cloud for Digital Citizenship (Total budget: €600,000)

European Commission – TEMPUS: NeReLa: Building Network of Remote Labs for Strengthening University-Vocational Schools Collaboration (Total budget: €800,000)

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Dr. Christos Dimopoulos (Director)

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7.6. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

7.6.1. COLLABORATION WITH FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES/ORGANIZATIONS

In the academic year 2015-2016, the University signed Memoranda of Understanding or other agreements with the following universities/organizations with the aim of exchanging knowhow, design and offering joint programs of study and enriching the University's research activity:

- Queens University of Charlotte, USA
- Alborz University of Medical Sciences
- Alliance of Universities of "the Belt and Road"
- University of Aegean
- Stockton University
- Technological Educational Institute of Peloponissos
- Lanzhou City University, Gansu China
- HUNAN International Economics University, China
- Academy of Forensic Medical Sciences, UK
- Panhellenic Association of Physical Education (PEPFA), Greece
- The Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment (CISI), UK
- Vision 2020 – The Horizon Network, UK

7.6.2. ERASMUS +

In the academic year 2015-2016, the ERASMUS Office of European University Cyprus managed a budget of €344,435, which was funded by the Foundation for the Management of European Lifelong Learning Programs. During the academic year, 31 students carried out mobility for studies within the Erasmus+ program with a total budget of €110,675. Some of the Universities that welcomed the students of the University for studies are:

- Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
- Bradford College
- Democritus University of Thrace
- Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes Commerciales
- National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
- Hogeschool Leiden
- Ionian University
- University of Crete
- Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences
- Technological Educational Institute of Athens
- Universidad De Huelva
- Universidad Europea De Madrid SI
- University of Macedonia
- Univerzita Tomase Bati Ve Zline

Furthermore, 48 undergraduate and postgraduate students of EUC carried out mobility for training with a total budget of €113,313. The students studied in the following programs:

- Physiotherapy
- Speech therapy
- Technologies of Learning and Communication
- Law
- Radiodiagnostics - Radiotherapy
- Mass Media and Communication

And carried out their training mainly in cities in Greece, Spain and Belgium. In addition,, 36 graduates opted to carry out training through the Erasmus+ program with a total budget of €86,897.

During 2015-2016, members of academic and administrative staff carried out mobility for the purpose of teaching and training within Erasmus+ with a total budget of €13,602.

This academic year, European University Cyprus signed inter-institutional agreements within ERASMUS+ with the following universities:

- Alexander Technological Educational Institute of Thessaloniki, Greece
- Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
- Artvin Coruh University, Turkey
- Democritus University of Thrace, Greece
- Harokopio University Athens, Greece
- Institut D'Etudes Politiques Rennes, France
- Lund University, Sweden
- Munich University of Applied Sciences, Germany
- Robert Gordon University, UK
- Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences, Holland
- Stord/Haugesund University College, Norway
- Szkoła Główna Gospodarstwa Wiejskiego, Poland
- Technological Education Institution Epirou, Greece
- Technological Education Institution of Western Macedonia, Greece
- Universidad Europea de Madrid, Spain
- Università degli Studi "SUORORSOLA BENINCASA", Italy
- University of Essex, UK
- University of Szeged-Szegedi Tudományegyetem, Hungary
- University of Thessaly, Greece
- Uniwersytet Rzeszowski, Poland

In 2015-2016, European University Cyprus won an award of additional budget within the new Erasmus+ International Mobility program. The budget of €56,475 concerns the activities listed in the table below and can be used until May 2017

It is worth noting that in 2015-2016, European University Cyprus welcomed 102 incoming students from the following universities:

Institution Name Project number	Activity Type	Education Level	Country of Origin	Destination Country	Budget envelope	Approved no of participants	Total approved days	Total approved months	Travel grant per participant	Individual support per participant	Travel Grant approved	Individual Support approved
AC CYPRUS COLLEGE LIMITED 2015-1-CY01- KA107-011806	STA		Cyprus	Cuba	04 DCI LATIN AMERICA	1	7		1100	160	1100	1120
	STA		Cyprus	South Africa	07 DCI SOUTH AFRICA	1	7		820	160	820	1120
	STA		Cyprus	USA	09 PI NORTH AMERICA	1	7		1100	160	1100	1120
	STA		Cyprus	New Zealand	10 PI IND ASIA	1	7		1100	160	1100	1120
	STA		Australia	Cyprus	10 PI IND ASIA	1	7		1100	140	1100	980
	STA		Cyprus	Lebanon	01 ENI SOUTH	1	6		180	160	180	960
	STT		Cyprus	Kazakhstan	06 DCI CENTRAL ASIA	1	7		530	160	530	1120
	STT		Cyprus	Brazil	04 DCI LATIN AMERICA	1	7		1100	160	1100	1120
	SMS	EQF-6 First cycle/Bachelor's or equivalent level	Ukraine	Cyprus	02 ENI EAST	2	0	8	275	800	550	6400
	SMS	EQF-6 First cycle/Bachelor's or equivalent level	Georgia	Cyprus	02 ENI EAST	1	0	8	275	800	275	6400
	SMS	EQF-6 First cycle/Bachelor's or equivalent level	Israel	Cyprus	01 ENI SOUTH	1	0	4	180	800	180	3200
	SMS	EQF-6 First cycle/Bachelor's or equivalent level	Jordan	Cyprus	01 ENI SOUTH	1	0	4	180	800	180	3200
	SMS	EQF-6 First cycle/Bachelor's or equivalent level	Russia	Cyprus	03 RUSSIA	1	0	4	360	800	360	3200
	SMS	EQF-6 First cycle/Bachelor's or equivalent level	Viet Nam	Cyprus	05 DCI ASIA	1	0	6	820	800	820	4800
	SMS	EQF-6 First cycle/Bachelor's or equivalent level	Malaysia	Cyprus	05 DCI ASIA	1	0	6	820	800	820	4800
						16	55	40			10215	40660
						Total Travel + Individual Support				50875		
						Organisational Support				5600		
						TOTAL GRANT APPROVED				56475		
						Student mobility for Studies To/From Partner Coun				8	35185	
						Staff mobility for Teaching/Training To/From Partr				8	15690	

It is worth noting that in 2015-2016, European University Cyprus welcomed 102 incoming students from the following universities:

Country	Partner University	Fall 2015	Spring 2016	Year	Total
Austria	University of Applied Sciences	1			1
Belgium	HAUTE ECOLE EPHEC		1		1
	Haute Ecole Albert Jacquard	2			2
	UC Leuven-Limburg	1			1
	HELMo Business	3			3
	Karel de Grote Univeristy College	2			2
	Leuven University College	3			3
Czech Republic	Masaryk University		2		2
	Metropolitan University Prague		1		1
	Tomas Bata University	5			5
	Metropolitan University Prague	1			1
Denmark	Lillebaelt Academy	3	3		6
	Business Academy Aarhus	4	1		5
	Univeristy College of Northern Denmark	2			2
	CPH Business	2			2
France	University of Nantes	1		9	1
	ESCE		4		4
	Universite de Toulouse		2		2
	Université de Bretagne-Sud	1	1		2
	Universite Toulouse Jean Jaures	1			1
Germany	Universitat Leipzig	1		2	1
	European University of Applied Sciences	1	1		2
	Technisch Universitat Chemnitz	3			3
	University of Applied Sciences Schmalkalden	2			2
	Hochschule Munchen	1			1
	BiTS - Business and Information Technology School		1		1
Greece	TEI of Western Macedonia		1		1
	TEI of Athens		1		1
	Technological Education Institution of Western Macedonia		1		1
	Panteion University	3			3
	National & Kapodistrian University of Athens	2	1		3

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Country	Partner University	Fall 2015	Spring 2016	Year	Total
Hungary	IBS-Budapest		2		2
Italy	Universita degli Studi di Torino	1	2		3
Latvia	BA School of Business and Finance		2		2
Liechtenstein	University of Liechtenstein	1			1
Lithuania	Vytautas Magnus University	2	1		3
	Mykolas Romeris University	1	1		2
	Vilnius Univeristy	2			2
Netherlands	University of Applied Sciences Leiden		1		1
Poland	The John Payl II Catholic University of Lublin	4		1	4
	University of Social Sciences and Humanities (SWPS)		1	1	1
	Akademia Wychowania Fizycznego	3	1		4
	Wyzsza Szkola Bankowa Gdansk	3			3
	Kazimierz Wielki University	1			1
Switzerland	University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland		2		2
The Netherlands	University of Applied Sciences Leiden		1		1
The Netherlands	Leiden University	1			1
UK	St Mary's University College		2		2
UK	The Robert Gordon University	1			1
		43	37	13	102

8 Εκδηλώσεις και Γεγονότα που ξεχώρισαν



8.1. SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

8.1.1. MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES, PROF. CHRISTOS KASSIMERIS

Given the social conditions currently prevailing around the world, the School of Humanities and Social Sciences has a particular role to play at our University, as host to those sciences that study man and society, with its main asset being the programs of study that serve the needs of our times. The School comprises the Department of Humanities and the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences with programs of study in the fields of Psychology, Mass Media and Communication, Social Work, and English Language and Literature. During the previous academic year, the School hosted news programs such as the Master of Science in Psychology (Clinical and Counselling) and the undergraduate program in Public Administration and Governance, while it also submitted proposals for new programs in the fields of Public Administration, Gerontology and Digital Media, all at the level of postgraduate studies. At this point, particular reference should be made to the cooperation with the School of Sciences in connection with the design and compilation of the latter two aforementioned programs of study.

Without doubt, equally constructive was the cooperation of the School with Visiting Professor Dr. Theodoros Roussopoulos, professor of media and communication, who has had a prominent role in Greek politics, as well as a notable career in journalism. The contribution of Dr. Roussopoulos to the development of the relevant program of study certainly remains vital. We should also emphasize that the contribution of the Rector of the European University Cyprus was, undoubtedly, catalytic in the cooperation between the Faculty and Dr. Roussopoulos.

As regards matters pertaining to research, the School of Humanities and Social Sciences continues its work unabated. The dedication of the academic and research staff of the Faculty is expressed through the conferences, seminars and lectures that took place during the previous academic year, with the main objective to educate and inform both our academic community and the wider society. Equally successful was the School's contribution in research, with considerable activity in the publication of research papers in refereed academic journals and participation in funded projects.

8.1.2. VISITING PROFESSORS

■ **Dr. Theodoros Roussopoulos, Visiting Professor, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences**

Dr. Theodoros Roussopoulos has a noted career in the field of media and communication, and a significant relevant teaching experience at colleges and universities in Greece and the USA. Among others, he is a teaching associate in the online, long-distance graduate program at Pepperdine University of California, offering lectures on the subject of "Greece, the EU and the Financial Crisis: Returning to the European principles and values". Although he is a noted journalist, he has extensive experience in the field of politics and political communication, having served among others, as Minister of State & Government Spokesperson in Greece during the period 2004-2008.

8.1.3. EVENTS

8.1.3.1. DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES

■ **Workshop: "23 Centuries of Political Communication. From Alexander the Great and Constantin the Great, to Machiavelli and Napoleon. The image of the leader in History and the 21st Century"**

The BA in Mass Media and Communication of European University Cyprus organized an all-day conference titled "23 Centuries of Political Communication" on Monday, 11 April at 11 am in "Auditorium A".

Historians, academics and political scientists, using an innovative approach, analysed the relation of politics and communication, as that which was used by leading historical figures aiming to reach the wider public and communicate their achievements to the world.

Speakers:

- Stantis Apostolides, Philologist—*Historian, Translator and Commentator of the six volume edition of the History of Alexander the Great based on the work of J.G.Droysen—Academy of Athens Award*
- Irkos Apostolides, Philologist—*Historian, Translator and Commentator of the six volume edition of the History of Alexander the Great based on the work of J.G.Droysen—Academy of Athens Award*
- Sotiris Metevelis, *Historian* Theodoros Roussopoulos, *Visiting Professor of Communication, European University Cyprus*
- Eleftherios Kousoulis, *Political Scientist*
- Ioanna Tsivakou, *Professor in Organizational Theory, Panteion University, Athens*

■ **Lecture: "Introduction to Neuroanatomy/Neurophysiology related to language" («Lecture Series: Invited Local Linguist»)**

Speaker: Dr. Spyros Christou - Chambi
Coordinator: Dr. Dimitra Karoulla – Vrikki
Date: 22 February 2016

The lecture was delivered as part of the course "Psycholinguistics LIN218". It aimed at introducing students to brain functions and neuroanatomical / neurophysiological components assisting language processes.

■ **Lecture: "Code-switching in question–response pairs: Grammatical and pragmatic aspects" («Lecture Series: Invited Local Linguist»)**

Speaker: Dr. Marilena Paraskeva
Coordinator: Dr. Dimitra Karoulla – Vrikki
Date: 20 April 2016

This presentation considers the use of code-switching (CS) in question-response pairs among members of the Greek-Cypriot community in London. In particular, it looks into intra-turn CS from a grammatical point of view, examining the role of the linguistic context in the appearance of various types of CS. The findings show that particular grammatical configurations of CS are associated with their context of use, suggesting the interdependence of grammar and pragmatics. On this basis, CS can be better understood in general if grammar and pragmatics complement one another, reflecting in this way the need for an interdisciplinary approach to CS.

■ **Lecture: “English in the Greek-Cypriot print media” («Lecture Series: Invited Local Linguist»)**

Speaker: Dr. Constandina Fotiou
Coordinator: Dr. Dimitra Karoulla – Vrikki
Date: 22 April 2016

The lecture examines the use of English in Greek-Cypriot mainstream print media. The focus is on the frequency of English in the data, as well as its textual forms and functions. The main framework of analysis is Androutsopoulos’ (2012) ‘English on top’ framework, which analyses codeswitching in planned written discourse targeted at a large number of recipients.

■ **Lecture: “Reflections on how IT developments influence current trends in the use of ICT in education in general and in Modern Language Education in particular” (Linguistics Club)**

Speaker: Tom Koenraad
Coordinators: Dr. Dimitra Karoulla – Vrikki/ Dr. Stella Chadjistassou
Date: 17 December 2016

Reflections on how IT developments influence current trends in the use of ICT in education in general and in Modern Language Education in particular.

A number of annual studies published by (inter)national organizations such as the EduCause (USA), SURF (NL) and OU (UK) report on trends in IT developments and their impact on education. In this presentation, we took the shared conclusions drawn in these publications as a starting point to reflect on how the major trends in the use of ICT observed in general education manifest themselves in Modern Language Education.

■ **Lecture: “Negotiating the place of Turkish in Greek-Cypriot education: Policies and practices” («Lecture Series: Invited Local Linguist»)**

Speaker: Dr. Constandina Charalambous
Coordinator: Dr. Dimitra Karoulla – Vrikki
Date: 6 December 2016

This paper focused on the introduction of the Turkish language as an MFL in the Greek-Cypriot secondary education, taking into account the long history of the conflict between the Greek-Cypriot and Turkish-Cypriot communities. Drawing on two linguistic ethnographic projects in two different points in time (2006-2007 and 2012-2013), the presentation aims to uncover the different representations and meanings that have been attached to Turkish language learning during the past 10 years and to highlight the subtle shifts that have taken place in processes of negotiating the language’s ideological load in a predominantly Hellenocentric education system.

8.1.3.2. DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

■ **Conference “First Aids in Mental Health”**

Invited speaker: Dr Eleonora Papaleontiou-Louca
Department: Social and Behavioral Sciences in collaboration with the Movement for the Protection of Mentally Ill People (ΚΙ.ΠΡΟ.ΔΙ.ΨΑ)
Speakers: Ms. Elise Torossian, President of ΚΙ.ΠΡΟ.ΔΙ.ΨΑ
Date: 28 March 2016

The event focused on the discussion of helpful lifestyles for the promotion of Mental Health, including:

- Vivid Light and Clear Air
- Avoidance of Negative Thinking
- Quiet Sleep
- Daily Spiritual Exercises
- Regular Physical Activity
- Deep Breathing Exercises
- Positive Effect of Classical Music
- etc ...

■ Workshop: "Psychology vs. Theology, Enemies or Friends?"

Coordinator: Dr. Eleonora Papaleontiou-Louca

Speakers: Dr. Panagiota Mama Agapiou, *Psychiatrist of Children and Adolescents, Inpatient Care, Makarios Hospital*, Dr. Eleonora Papaleontiou - Louca, *Assoc. Professor, Psychology, European University Cyprus*, Dr. Vasilios Thermos, *Psychiatrist for children and adolescents, Assistant Professor at the Higher Academy of Church in Athens*

In this workshop, the relationship between Theology and Psychology, their differences and their similarities were analyzed and discussed. For example, the purpose of theology is man's holiness and the unity of man with God; while the aim of psychology is the best adaptation of man to the problems of life, his/her completeness and self-actualization. In summary, while previously both these disciplines were viewed as opposing each other, now they are viewed as having a common area of interest, being complementary to each other and can work together for the good of people.

■ Event: "Let's talk about sex"

The Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences in collaboration with the Cyprus Family Planning Association organized a workshop titled "Let's talk about sex"

Coordinator: Ms. Petra Daniel

Date: 17 November 2016

The participants discussed sexual rights based on information on the International Planned Parenthood Federation's declaration of Sexual Rights. They also gained insight into the difference between healthy and unhealthy relationships through involvement in a theatrical workshop activity carried out by two experienced trainers from the Family Planning Association.

■ Lecture: «Healthy Mothers – Happy Children: Neuroendocrinological and Psychosocial Approaches to pregnancy, childbirth and early childhood»

Coordinator: Dr. Andria Spyridou

Speakers: Dr. Monika Shiakkou, Dr. Anastasia Topalidou, Dr. Eleni Hatzigeorgiou, Dr. Despo Ierodiakonou, Dr. Ibone Olga Fernandez, Olga Gouni

Date: 31 March 2016



8.2. SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

8.2.1. MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, DR. GEORGE BOUSTRAS

The Ioannis Gregoriou School of Business Administration in 2015-16 continued its stabilization and realignment based on current developments. A number of notable events are mentioned below:

In the academic front, the School further expanded and welcomed a number of new students. Our emblematic MBA, a degree that was pivotal to the development of Cyprus in the 90's and 00's as a regional economic services provider, has changed! The brand new, MBA is the first that is offered in the exact same fashion in all Laureate Europe Universities, as well as in the University of Europe Digital (UELD) and is considered as a further step that will bring the Universities of Laureate in Europe. The new MBA offers – alongside the state-of-the art range of topics – a unique leadership accelerator.

Research in the School was marked by the accession of the Center for Risk, Safety and the Environment (CERISE) as a founding partner in the Center of Excellence for Risk and Decision Sciences (CERIDES). This is the first ever Center of Excellence of EUC, and it provides the necessary backbone for the development of excellence and multidisciplinary.

In a societal level, the School hosted and organized a number of events. Through our relationship with Laureate, our students – as well as the wider public – had the exclusive opportunity to observe and take part in the WOBI (World of Business Ideas) on Leadership 2016 with world famous speakers such as Uri Levine, Martin Lindstrom and Carles Puyol.

The School aims to further expand its academic and research offers in 2016-2017.

8.2.2. VISITING PROFESSORS

- **Dr. Evangelos Gregoroudes**
Management Science, Technical University of Crete
School of Business Administration/ Department of Management and Marketing,
Research Collaboration

8.2.3. EVENTS

8.2.3.1. DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT AND MARKETING

- **Seminar: “The Positive Effect of Sports in Physical, Emotional, Intellectual and Social Development of the young people”**

Coordinator: Dr. Mary Charalambous Papamiltiades

Speaker: Dr. Mary Charalambous Papamiltiades

Place: Paphos Athletic School

Date: 18 September 2015

The seminar was part of the sports week for which the coordinating body was Cyprus Sports Organization. The lectures were addressed to parents, coaches and general sports factors for the effect of the physical, emotional, spiritual and social development of young people.

- **Seminar: “The effect of exercise on the Development of Children and the overtraining syndrome”**

Coordinator: Dr. Mary Charalambous Papamiltiades

Speakers: Dr. Mary Charalambous Papamiltiades, Dr. Anastasios Theodorou

Place: Strovolos Cultural Center

Date: 23 September 2015

The seminar was part of the sports week for which the coordinating body was Cyprus Sports Organization. The lectures were addressed to parents, coaches and general Sports factors on the effect of exercise on the Development of Children and the overtraining syndrome.

■ **Event: “Entrepreneurship & Innovation” (Department of Management and Marketing and Founders Institute)**

Coordinator: Dr. George Boustras

Place: Microsoft Innovation Center, European University Cyprus

Date: 24 September 2015

Founders Institute is the world’s largest idea-stage accelerator. It is an informative event where you can meet local Directors, ask questions and learn how you can launch a start-up in Nicosia with help from CEOs to experienced peers and a structured approach.

■ **Workshop: “CYTA-EUC Workshop”**

Coordinator: Dr. George Boustras

Place: Senate Room, European University Cyprus

Date: 25 September 2015

The workshop discussed various synergies in Safety, Risk and Crisis Management and Communication.

■ **Seminar: “New challenges in Sports: Governance of Sport Clubs and athlete’s movement”**

Coordinator: Dr. Mary Charalambous Papamiltiades, Lecturer, Sport Management, EUC

Speakers: Dr. Mary Charalambous Papamiltiades, Leontios Tselepos, Legal Advisor, Marc Axel Schmidgall, ECA Communication and Marketing Manager, Eleni Karaoli, NGO Initiative Cyprus, Pierre Lanfranchi, Professor of History, DMU – Scientific General Coordinator – International Universities Network FIFA/CIES, Spyros Neofytides, PASP President, Fifpro Division Europe Board Member

Place: Auditorium B, European University Cyprus

Date: 10 October 2015

Issues that were discussed: FIFA Master Alumni Network, ECA and European Football Governance, Transfers of Football players, Third Party Ownership etc.

■ **Event: “Job Forum”**

Coordinators: Dr. Nikos Boukas, Dr. Christakis Sourouklis

Place: ‘Omega’ Conference Room, European University Cyprus

Date: 18 February 2016

The workshop aimed to expand employment prospects of students with members of the hotel industry and the connection of graduates with the labour market. The conference was attended by owners, general managers and managers of various companies of the tourism industry.

■ **Seminar: “HORECA – Sales and Marketing Seminar”**

Coordinators: Dr. Christakis Sourouklis in cooperation with Mansystems Business Consultants Ltd and Ratarious Management Ltd.

Place: Cultural Center, European University Cyprus

Date: 21 April 2016

Some topics that were discussed were the proper development of sales & marketing, the methodology applied in each market, the creation of a database, the potential customers, the significance of the Internet, compliance with customer requirements, strategic development and marketing, “marketing tools etc.

■ **Workshop: “Integrity Workshop: Assess your ability to act with integrity in workplace”**

Coordinator: Simona Mihai
Speakers: Petros Florides, CISI Cyprus President
Place: Room 208, European University Cyprus
Date: 9 May 2016

The objective was to develop high ethical standards for members, professionals and firms in Financial Services. The workshop included individual voting machines, real-time results and live debates and was presented to audiences and firms around the world.

■ **Seminar: “Introduction to Fraud: Financial Investigation Coordination in Cyprus, Hercule III Programme Anti-Fraud Training 2014-2020”**

Coordinator: Alexander Apostolides
Place: Room 2014, European University Cyprus
Date: 28 June 2016

The Scope of the workshop was to provide a basic understanding of Fraud to persons who want to know how to safeguard their organization, their processes and procedures, and ultimately against fraud. The objective was to assist participants in understanding the need for fraud awareness, prevention and deterrence, and to accept that fraud exists in all organisations.

8.2.3.2. DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING, ECONOMICS AND FINANCE

■ **Event: “CISI Cooperation with EUC Business School”**

Coordinator: Dr. Simona Mihai
Speakers: Ms. Sally Plant, Ms. Sian Lloyd
Place: Room 208, European University Cyprus
Date: 3 November 2015

European University Cyprus will offer the CISI’s “Investment Management” and “Risk in Financial Services” exams, as part of the Bachelor in Finance and Investments program. The agreement states that CISI is also offering free membership to students for the duration of the relevant program. This collaboration will help students qualify for the high standards and the multiple benefits of CISI membership.

■ **Seminar: “CySec – Cyprus Investment Industry Regulatory Framework”**

Coordinator: Dr. Simona Mihai
Place: Room 208, European University Cyprus
Date: 22 April 2016

The seminar offered basic awareness of the operation of the Regulated markets and Investment Services market, as well as of their Regulatory Framework. It also provided an overview of the Stock Exchange regulations and gave practical examples of serious recent violations. Moreover, it presented an analysis of the services and financial products provided by the Cyprus Investment Firms.



8.3. SCHOOL OF SCIENCES

8.3.1. MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF SCIENCES, DR. CHRISTOS DIMOPOULOS

The School of Sciences of European University Cyprus continued its dynamic development during the academic year 2015-2016, both in terms of its total number of students and in terms of its human resources and infrastructure. During the academic year 2015-2016, the School has designed and implemented a significant number of organizational, educational, research, and societal activities. In particular:

On the organizational level, the School operated efficiently under the new administrative structure, which includes the Departments of Computer Science and Engineering, Health Sciences and Life Sciences. At the same time, the School laid the foundations for the establishment of a stable mechanism for the implementation of Clinical practice by its students, wherever this is required. Finally, as in previous years, faculty members from the School of Sciences excelled in the implementation of major organizational activities and projects managed by the University and the Laureate International Universities parent organization.

In the area of education, the School welcomed its first students in the Civil and Environmental Engineering Program, and submitted a significant number of new Programs to be evaluated by the new Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation of Higher Education. The School also submitted an application for the accreditation of its Occupational Therapy Program by the World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT), and continued to actively participate in the design and implementation of courses offered in hybrid teaching mode, as part of the respective project which is being implemented by the University.

The School of Sciences further improved its already substantial research activity. School researchers produced a large number of new publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals, and have significantly increased their participation in international funded research programs. The Doctoral School Programs have also begun to attract a significant number of students. The School continues to operate as the "Research Headquarters for Engineering & ICT" of Laureate Europe. Finally, the School participated through its Decision Support & Systems Optimisation Laboratory in the establishment of the first University Center of Excellence in Risk & Decision Sciences.

The School's social contribution continues to be versatile and comprehensive. An extremely large number of educational, training and solidarity activities were implemented during the previous academic year. At the same time, the School of Sciences has continued to enhance its cooperation with scientific, industrial and societal organizations. Typical examples of such activities include the implementation of the 'Health & Prevention' program in cooperation with the company Exxon Mobil, and the implementation of a series of events in the field of Educational Robotics.

The School of Sciences had the honor to host in its ranks as Visiting Professors important representatives of the international scientific community, such as former Rector of the Aristotle University Professor Mr. Giannis Mylopoulos. The contribution of Visiting Professors in the implementation of the School's activities remains extremely important.

The key objectives of the School of Sciences for the academic year 2016-2017 include the strengthening of its scientific personnel, the enrichment of the portfolio of Programs offered, the acquisition of additional research funding, and the design of activities that will increase the employability of its graduates.

8.3.2. VISITING PROFESSORS

■ Professor Yiannis Mylopoulos

Professor of Political Sciences and Environmental Engineering. Visiting Professor at the School of Sciences, in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering.

Prof. Mylopoulos is a former Rector of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. He is the author of over 100 articles in international scientific journals and proceedings of scientific conferences in the areas of Integrated Management of Water Resources, Ecological Water Policy and sustainable Development of the Environment. From 1996 until today, he participates as an expert on Environment and Development issues in evaluation committees for research programs in the General Management of Research of the European Committee. He also functions as a consultant in Environment and Development issues and is a committee member in many bodies, ministries, institutes and municipalities of the Greek Republic.

8.3.3. EVENTS

8.3.3.1. DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

■ Olympiad: "3rd World Robot Olympiad, Cyprus Competition"

Coordinator: Pericles Leng-Cheng, Lecturer, Computer Science, EUC

Place: Cultural Center, EUC

Date: 17 October, 2015

A group of university students participated in the national competition of the World Robot Olympiad by developing a robot that played bowling. The team won first place and will represent Cyprus at university level at the World Robot Olympiad, which will be held in India on 25/11/2016.

■ Workshop: "Workshop of Scientific Application of Computing"

Coordinator: Dr. Vicky Papadopoulou-Lesta, Assistant Professor, Computer Science, EUC

Speakers: Demetris Zeinalipour-Yazti, University of Cyprus, Loizos Michael, Open University of Cyprus, John Koutsou, The Cyprus Institute, Christodoulos Efstathiades, UEC, Andreas Efstathiou, EUC, Andreas Papadopoulos, EUC, Irene Polycarpou, EUC

Place: Room 200, EUC

Date: 27 October, 2015

Almost all branches of modern science are increasingly reliant on the use of state-of-the-art computers and computing techniques for significant discoveries and advances in the field. High performance computing techniques on large supercomputers, Data Mining techniques and advanced algorithmic techniques exploiting particular scientific properties of the problem have been successfully deployed, but there is much space for improvement. The workshop aimed to bring together scientists from interdisciplinary areas to exchange ideas, knowledge and technological approaches on how to deal with computationally demanding scientific problems/applications, e.g. Physical Sciences, Health Sciences, Biology, Medical Imaging and Engineering.

■ Speech: "Scheduling Decision Support Systems in Small-Sized SME Environments: The i-DESME Framework"

Coordinator: Dr. Vicky Papadopoulou-Lesta, Assistant Professor, Computer Science, EUC

Speaker: Dr. Christos Dimopoulos, Dean of the School of Sciences, Associate Professor, Computer Science & Engineering, EUC

Place: Room 203, EUC

Date: 12 February, 2016

This presentation introduced i-DESME, a structured interdisciplinary framework for the design of IT scheduling Decision Support Systems, with a focus in small-sized SME industrial environments. The proposed framework initially models the interdisciplinary characteristics of the current ('as-is') implementation of scheduling processes within a particular SME industrial environment. This information provides the basis for the implementation of function allocation and algorithm selection studies on the scheduling processes considered. As a result, an interdisciplinary specification of the IT Decision Support System which will support the future ('to-be') implementation of the scheduling processes within the industrial environment is produced, and subsequent software lifecycle phases are implemented. A summary of case study results from the application of the i-DESME framework within the environment of a typical micro-sized SME company has been provided.

■ **Speech: "Introduction To Parallel Computation / Programming"**

Coordinator: Dr. Vicky Papadopoulou-Lesta, Assistant Professor, Computer Science, EUC
Speaker: Dr. Vicky Papadopoulou-Lesta, Assistant Professor, Computer Science, EUC
Place: Room 203, EUC
Date: 19 February, 2016

The talk consisted of an introduction to the theory and practice of Parallel Computing and applications.

■ **Speech: "Introduction to Quantum Computers"**

Coordinator: Dr. Vicky Papadopoulou-Lesta, Assistant Professor, Computer Science, EUC
Speaker: Dr. Pavlos Evangelidis, TEPAK
Place: Room 203, EUC
Date: 26 February, 2016

The speech included a brief introduction on quantum computing. Quantum systems in a d -dimensional Hilbert space were considered. An analytic representation in a cell S in the complex plane using Theta functions was defined. The analytic functions have exactly d zeros in a cell S . The paths of the zeros during time evolution were also considered.

■ **Speech: "Feature Extraction. Why?"**

Coordinator: Dr. Vicky Papadopoulou-Lesta, Assistant Professor, Computer Science, EUC
Speaker: Dr. George Stylianou, Assistant Professor, Computer Science, EUC
Place: Room 203, EUC
Date: 4 March, 2016

Features contain the most important characteristics of objects, whether these are images, surfaces or accelerometer signals. Being able to extract features allows us to tremendously reduce the initial description of these objects and use them instead on a variety of interesting applications. In this talk, we provided an overview of feature extraction and the uses of features that vary from 3D surface decimation and morphing and 3D face reconstruction to step detection, currency recognition or stay-point identification.

■ **Speech: "Generic Ideas for Tackling Ill-Posed Inverse Problems"**

Coordinator: Dr. Vicky Papadopoulou-Lesta, Assistant Professor, Computer Science, EUC
Speaker: Dr. Andreas Ioannides, Managing Director, Laboratory for Human Brain Dynamics (LHBD), AAI Scientific Cultural Services Ltd
Place: Room 203, EUC
Date: 11 March, 2016

The talk outlined how three such non-unique inverse problems have been tackled, one in the inverse scattering problem in nuclear physics (Ioannides and Mackintosh, 1987, 1985) and the other two in the biomagnetic inverse problem (one for the steady current of the human leg (Ioannides and Grimes, 1986) and the other for imaging brain activity at millisecond and millimeter spatiotemporal resolution (Ioannides et al., 1990; Ribary et al., 1991; Taylor et al., 1999)). The generic ideas that lead from the first to the other two approaches were summarized, and used as a guide for discussion about extending the methodology to more refined analysis of brain activity (Ioannides, 2007) and new areas of applications with potentially highly promising results.

■ **Speech: "Complex Network Science and its Applications In Vehicular Ad Hoc Networks"**

Coordinator: Dr. Vicky Papadopoulou-Lesta, Assistant Professor, Computer Science, EUC
Speaker: Nicholas Louloudis, Visiting Lecturer, Computer Science Department, University of Nicosia
Place: Room 203, EUC
Date: 18 March, 2016

Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) aim to support commuters in taking informed decisions concerning travel safety and efficiency, by integrating real-time data from a number of heterogeneous resources. Vehicular Ad Hoc Networks (VANET) are justifiably envisioned as one of the key supporting platforms for the establishment and market acceleration of ITS. This talk focused on fundamental research behind the design, implementation and evaluation of distributed VANET-based traffic information systems.

■ **Workshop: “Workshop on Galaxy Evolution”**

Coordinator: Dr. Vicky Papadopoulou-Lesta, Assistant Professor, Computer Science, EUC

Speakers: Prof. Andreas Efstathiou, Science and Mathematics, EUC, Dr. Vicky Papadopoulou-Lesta, Assistant Professor, Computer Science, EUC

Place: Senate Room, EUC

Date: 29 March, 2016

The aim of the workshop was to provide a forum for young and experienced researchers in the field, but also researchers in related fields, for discussion of recent observational, theoretical and computational results in Galaxy Evolution.

■ **Speech: “Quality of Experience for Web Users on Mobile Devices”**

Coordinator: Dr. Vicky Papadopoulou-Lesta, Assistant Professor, Computer Science, EUC

Speaker: Iosifina Antoniou, Lecturer of Computer Science, Uclan University Cyprus

Place: Room 203, EUC

Date: 8 April, 2016

In this speech, we presented the design and development of a mobile service, which aims to help us understand which attributes affect the experience of end-users of mobile devices accessing the web; identified how the experience can be measured in real-world scenarios; and discovered how the experience can be improved for better customer satisfaction, by fusing user environmental context data together with device metrics, network metrics, user demographics and web browsing metrics to produce a novel quantifiable characterization of Web QoE for mobile users.

■ **Speech: “Unleashing the Power of Wearables: Bringing Devices Together via a Unified Wearable Device Framework”**

Coordinator: Dr. Vicky Papadopoulou-Lesta, Assistant Professor, Computer Science, EUC

Speaker: Panagiotis Andreou, Lecturer of Computer Science, Uclan University Cyprus

Place: Room 203, EUC

Date: 15 April, 2016

Wearables have recently become a ubiquitous part of everyday life. The practical utility of these devices enables researchers and engineers to improve many aspects of human life such as health. This talk presented a framework that governs communication, task execution and data acquisition and analysis for innovative distributed applications that will be built upon these technologies.

■ **Speech: “Mitigation of Space Weather and Ionospheric Effects on Radio Systems”**

Coordinator: Dr. Vicky Papadopoulou-Lesta, Assistant Professor, Computer Science, EUC

Speaker: Dr. Charis Charalambous, Assistant Professor, Electrical Engineering, Frederick University

Place: Room 203, EUC

Date: 22 April, 2016

Space Weather and its subsequent ionospheric effects poses one of the most crucial vulnerabilities of earth-based and space-based technological systems. There is a wide array of phenomena which are manifested in various time scales to impact the operation of such systems. In this talk, we reviewed these phenomena and the relevant studies at Frederick University in this area.

■ **Lecture: “Risks from Chemical, Biological, RADIOLOGICAL and Nuclear (CBRN) hazards”**

Organizers: School of Sciences / Department of Computer Science and Engineering / EUC Center of Excellence in Risk and Decision Making / Safety and Health Association Cyprus

Coordinator: Dr. George Boustras, Dean of School of Business, Associate Professor, Risk Assessment, EUC

Speakers: Scientists from Finland, Greece and Cyprus

Place: Auditorium B, EUC

Date: 11 May, 2016

For the first time in Cyprus, a workshop in CBRN that covered theoretical as well as practical issues of the area. The latest technological solutions as well as Centers of Excellence in Europe were presented.

■ **Speech: "The Classical Secretary Problem"**

Coordinator: Dr. Vicky Papadopoulou-Lesta, Assistant Professor, Computer Science, EUC

Speaker: Dr. Michalis Talias, Assistant Professor of Health Economics and Statistics, Open University of Cyprus

Place: Room 203, European University Cyprus

Date: 13 May, 2016

The speech referred to the classical secretary problem where an employer would like to choose the best candidate among competing candidates who arrive in a random order.

■ **Conference: "Cyprus Embraces Space 2016"**

Coordinator: Dr. Konstantinos Katzis, Associate Professor, Computer Science and Engineering, EUC

Speakers: Dr. Kyriakos Themistokleous, Director of Research Center «ERATOSTHENIS», Dr. Charis Charalambous, Electrical Engineering Department, Frederick University, Dr. Adrian Klein, German Space NCP, German Aerospace Center (DLR), Mr. Salvatore Pignataro, GROW / 11 Space Policy & Research Unit, European Commission, Dr. Konstantinos Katzis, Associate Professor, Computer Science and Engineering, EUC

Place: Cultural Center, EUC

Date: 18 May, 2016

Cyprus Embraces Space 2016 - CES2016" took place on 18 May 2016, at EUC. CES2016 is a workshop organized by the Cyprus Research Promotion Foundation, the Department of Electronic Communications (Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works) and the Department of Computer Science & Engineering of European University Cyprus. CES2016 aims at presenting the local industry, academia and community, the latest developments in Space-related Technologies in Cyprus and Europe, and explore the funding opportunities.

■ **Speech: "On Super Strong Wilf Equivalence Classes of Permutations"**

Coordinator: Dr. Vicky Papadopoulou-Lesta, Assistant Professor, Computer Science, EUC

Speaker: Dr. Christina Savvidou, Associate Professor of Mathematics, Uclan University Cyprus

Place: Room 203, EUC

Date: 20 May, 2016

In this talk, we presented several notions of equivalence of permutations. In particular, we focused on the notion of super strong Wilf equivalence. For this purpose, we provided a necessary and sufficient rearrangement criterion for two words to be super strongly Wilf equivalent. We also gave a characterization of such equivalence classes using two-colored binary trees. This allows us to prove the standing conjecture that the cardinality of each such class is always a power of 2.

■ **Colloquium: "Robotics Through the Eyes of Students in Cyprus"**

Organizers: Microsoft Innovation Center, EUC, Cyprus Microsoft, Research and Learning Laboratory in Sciences and Social Studies, Cyprus Computer Society, Engino, Grammar School, Center of Creative Learning and Game, Keystone Conferences & Events and Epiphaniou Scrap Metals.

Participation: Pericles Leng-Cheng, Lecturer of Computer Science, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, EUC

Place: Cultural Center, EUC

Date: 24-25 May, 2016

Presentation of robot programming using a simulated environment to more than 800 elementary and high school children from various schools in Cyprus. The children had to program using the C-programming language to help a submarine navigate the bottom of the sea.

■ **Lecture: "Security Implications of Climate Change"**

Organizers: School of Sciences / Department of Computer Science and Engineering / EUC Center of Excellence in Risk and Decision Making / Cyprus Safety and Health Association

Coordinator: Dr. George Boustras, Dean of School of Business, Associate Professor, Risk Assessment, EUC

Speaker: Mr Triantafyllos Karatrantos, PhD candidate of the Aegean University in Environmental Safety and European Leadership, Lecturer in the School of National Security and Scientific Collaborator KEMEA (Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Greek Republic).

Place: Conference Omega, EUC

Date: 2 June, 2016

The lecture focused on the state-of-the-art in the impact of climate change in security.

■ **Conference: “Open Data Forum”**

Coordination: Cyprus Presidency

Participation: Dr. Christodoulos Efstathiades, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, EUC

Place: Auditorium CYTA

Date: 3 June, 2016

The 1st Open Data Forum with subject: “Reuse of Public Data: Perspectives - Opportunities - Challenges” dealt with the opportunities that emerge through the offering of open data to the public with the aim of reusing them for for-profit or non for-profit use.

Dr Christodoulos Efstathiades represented the Department of Computer Science and Engineering of EUC as a speaker and member of the panel for discussion.

The activities of the department based on open data were presented, as well as how they are used for research purposes, offering applications and services to the public.

■ **Speech: “Intelligent Transportation Systems and the use of Communication Technologies”**

Coordinator: Dr. Vicky Papadopoulou-Lesta, Assistant Professor, Computer Science, EUC

Speaker: Athanasios Maimaris, BSc, MBA, PhD (cand) IEng MIET, Lecturer, Cyprus College

Place: Auditorium B, EUC

Date: 7 June, 2016

As a result of a high need for interoperability and connectivity as well as advancements in electronics and computer networks, a plethora of communication technologies have been developed in recent years. Many of these technologies are used in Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). This presentation showcased the use of Communication Technologies in ITS and offered suggestions for improvement and future directions for further research.

■ **Soiree: “Engineering Days 2016”**

Coordinator: Dr. Christos Dimopoulos, Dean of the School of Sciences, Associate Professor, Computer Science & Engineering, EUC

Speaker: Mr. George Malekkos, Software Innovation Architect, CEO, Powersoft Computer Solutions Ltd

Place: Auditorium B, EUC

Date: 8 June, 2016

Implementation of a scientific soiree within the framework of events organized by the Technical Chamber of Cyprus with the general title ‘Engineering Days 2016’, with the aim of promoting the Engineering Science in Cyprus.

■ **Olympiad: “24th Balkan Olympiad Informatics”**

Organizers: School of Sciences / Department of Computer Science and Engineering / Cyprus Computer Association

Coordinator: Dr. George Stylianou, Assistant Professor, Computer Science, EUC

Date: 27 June - July 2, 2016

In 2016, European University Cyprus and the Cyprus Computer Society – CCS, under the auspices of the Ministry of Education and Culture, co-organized the Balkan Olympiad in Informatics (BOI). The BOI 2016 took place, on 27 June – 2 July 2016 at the premises of European University Cyprus. The participants were 11 countries: Cyprus, Albania, Bosnia Herzegovina, Bulgaria, FYROM, Greece, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia and Slovenia with 50 contestants. The BOI 2016 was a great success both in the organization and the results, as Cyprus for the first time won a Silver and a Bronze metal.

■ **Workshop: “Workshop on High Performance Computing and Applications”**

Coordinator: Dr. Vicky Papadopoulou-Lesta, Assistant Professor, Computer Science, EUC

Speakers: Christos Antonopoulos, University of Thessaly, Greece (Keynote talk), Pedro Moura Trancoso, University of Cyprus, Antonis Papadakis, Frederick University, Andreas Efstathiou, EUC, George Tsouloupas, The Cyprus Institute

Place: Room 206, EUC

Date: 19 July, 2016

The Workshop on High Performance Computing and Applications aimed to bring together scientists from Cyprus and nearby countries with research activities related on High Performance Computing (HPC) and applications for discussion, ideas exchange and further exploration of HPC. Topics covered in the workshop included new advances in HPC, Parallel and Distributed Algorithms and Architectures, applications of HPC in Physics, Astrophysics, Medical Imaging and Engineering.

8.3.3.2. DEPARTMENT OF LIFE SCIENCES

■ **Workshop: “Modern Technology in Insulin: Use of the Pump”**

Coordinator: Dr. Stavri Chrysostomou, Lecturer in Nutrition and Clinical Dietetics, School of Life Sciences, EUC

Speakers: Dr. Nikos Skordis, Pediatrician-Endocrinologist, Pediatric Center “The Child”, Nicosia, Ms. Vivi Treinor, Nurse of Diabetes Center, specializing in Diabetes, Larnaca General Hospital, Ms. Froso Savva, Clinical Dietitian, Larnaca General Hospital

Place: Auditorium Beta, EUC

Date: 19 May, 2016

The aim of this conference was to inform the participants about how to manage a good control of insulin-dependent diabetes through insulin pumps. Moreover, the newest models of the insulin pumps were presented and the participants were trained for their proper use and application.

■ **International Conference: “Plans and Future of the Graduates of Physical Education and Sports Science Programs”**

Organizers: School of Sciences / Department of Life Sciences / Π.Ε.Π.Φ.Α, ΠΑ.Σ.Υ.Π.Ε.Φ.Α.Α.

Coordinator: Dr Anastasios Theodorou, Lecturer, Department of Life Sciences, Exercise Biology, EUC

The conference included:

- 8 Thematic Sessions
- 17 lectures
- 9 seminars
- 40 practical exercises
- 32 speakers

On the premises of EUC

10, 11 and 12 June 2016

The aim of the conference was to bridge the gap between academia, physical education teachers and fitness instructors. During the conference, multiple issues were raised regarding the future of physical education at schools, the latest government directives on physical education and the bachelor's degree in Sport Science and Physical Education holder's rights.

8.3.3.3. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SCIENCES

■ **Workshop: “Language, Speech and Hearing at EUC”**

Organizers: School of Sciences / Department of Health Sciences / Language and Speech Therapy Program

Coordinators: Dr. Louiza Voniati, Lecturer, Speech & Language Therapy, EUC, Dr. Chrysoula Thodi, Associate Professor, Audiology, EUC

Speakers: Dr. Louiza Voniati, Lecturer, Speech & Language Therapy, EUC, Dr Theresa Pitt, Senior Paediatric Audiological Scientist & Local Lead Clinician, NHSP, Health Service S.E. Ireland, Chairperson, European Federation of Audiology Societies, Dr. Chrysoula Thodi, Associate Professor, Audiology, EUC

Place: Auditorium B, EUC

Date: 17 October, 2015

The event's aim was to report the results of the Research Program "Detective Hearing Program Before School", funded by the Research Promotion Foundation. The program involved more than 400 children 4-5 years old, examining language development and hearing function. The topics of the speeches were related to the development of communication skills, detective programs before school and the results of the research.

■ **Workshop: "Discussion on Difficult and Specialized Clinical Incidents"**

Organizers: School of Sciences / Department of Health Sciences / MSc Sports Physiotherapy program / Physiotherapy Program / Pancyprrian Association of Physiotherapists

Coordinator: Dr. Dimitris Stassinopoulos, Vice-chair of Department of Health Sciences, Assistant Professor of Physiotherapy, EUC

Speakers: Kallis Kallis, Physiotherapist, Sports Physiotherapy, Evangelos Nikolaou, Physiotherapist, Sports Physiotherapy

Place: Auditorium A, EUC

Date: 7 November, 2015

The speakers presented the evaluation and rehabilitation of two common musculoskeletal injuries / case studies, olecranon fracture and tear of medial collateral ligament of the knee.

■ **3rd Public Health Workshop: "Care for Special Groups of Population"**

Coordinator: Dr. Dimitris Lamnisos, Assistant Professor, Statistics, Master of Public Health Program Coordinator, EUC

Speakers: Prof. Aggelos Chatzakis, Professor of Epidemiology and Preventive medicine, Medical School of the National Kapodistrian University of Athens, Savvas Savva, Pediatrician, Associate of the Institute of Child Health, Stalo Papoutsou, Clinical Dietitian - Member of the Council for the Registration of Food Scientists, Food Technologists and Dietitians of Cyprus, Katsonouri Andromache, Chemist, State General Laboratory, Ministry of Health, Lavranos Giagkos, Assistant Professor of Public Health, EUC, Georgiou Chrysanthos, General Surgeon, Nicosia General Hospital, President of Cyprus Anti-Drugs Council, Petrikkos George, Pathologists - Infectious Diseases, Emeritus Professor of Medicine of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Professor of Medical School, EUC, Agrotou Androulla, former Minister of Health, President of Volunteer Doctors of Cyprus, Athanasios Athanasiou, Consultant doctor of Labour of the Minister of Labour and Social Insurance, Ministry of Labour and Social Insurance, Popi Kanari, Director of the State General Laboratory, Ministry of Health, Polynikis Andreas, MD, former responsible of ΓΕΣΥ, Ministry of Health, Tsinontidis Athos, Higher Director General, Organization for Health Insurance

Place: Cultural Center, EUC

Date: 25 November, 2015

The workshop emphasized actions for maternal and child health, prevention of sexually transmitted diseases, and mental health problems, but also to efforts to rationalize health spending in anticipation of the implementation of the National Health System.

■ **Workshop: "Physical Function and Bioengineering of Walking, in Osteoarthritis of HIP" and "Sports Physiotherapy on the International Front: How to Achieve the Competencies to Become a Registered International Sports Physical Therapist"**

Organizers: School of Sciences / Department of Health Sciences / MSc Sports Physiotherapy program / Physiotherapy Program / Pancyprrian Association of Physiotherapists

Coordinator: Dr. Dimitris Stassinopoulos, Vice-chair of Department of Health Sciences, Assistant Professor of Physiotherapy, EUC

Speaker: Maria Constantinou, Australian Physiotherapy Association (APA) Sport Physiotherapist, Fellow of the Australian Sports Medicine Federation (FASMF), Lecturer at the School of Allied Health Sciences, Griffith University and Secretary of the International Federation of Sports Physical Therapy (IFSPT)

Place: Room 208, EUC

Date: 30 November, 2015

Dr Constantinou presented:

How physiotherapists assess hip osteoarthritis. The criteria to become a physiotherapist, sports physiotherapist

■ **Workshop: “Strokes: Diagnostic Therapeutic Approach”**

Organizers: School of Sciences / Department of Health Science / Radiology Society of Cyprus

Coordinators: Dr. Irene Polycarpou, Lecturer, Medical Physics, Program Coordinator of Radiology - Radiotherapy, EUC, Mr Stephanos Leandrou, Instructor, Radiology Technology, EUC

Speakers: Dr. Eleni Erakleous, Radiologist at the Diagnostic Medical center “Saint Therissos”, Dr. Andreas Kougiialis, Neurological Surgery, Aretaeio Hospital, Dr. Marios Pantzaris, Neurologist, Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics, Dr. Chrysa Tziakouri, Interventional Radiologist / Neuroradiology, Larnaca General Hospital, Dr. Pavlina Psychouli, Lecturer, Occupational Therapy, EUC

Place: Cultural Center, EUC

Date: 17 December, 2015

During the workshop, the latest data in the fields of imaging, diagnosis and treatment of strokes were discussed. In Cyprus, according to recent data from the Neurological Society, about a thousand cases of strokes each year were recorded, of which 200 were fatal. We also emphasized the great need for awareness for the immediate recognition of symptoms and early seek of medical assistance in order to achieve optimal results in the treatment of patients.

■ **Workshop: “Shoulder Malfunction”**

Coordinator: Dr. Dimitris Stasinopoulos, Vice-Chair of the Department of Health Sciences, Assistant Professor of Physiotherapy, EUC

Speakers: Dr. Christos Patsalidis, MB.ChB, FRCS (Tr & Orth), Orthopedic Surgeon, Antonis Zacharopoulos, Clinical Specialist Physiotherapist, MSc., MCSP, A-Z PHYSIO HEALTH LTD, Special Teaching Scientist in Sports Physiotherapy, EUC, Dr. Kapreli Eleni, Associate Professor, TEI Central Greece, Dr. Strimpakos Nikolaos, Associate Professor, TEI Central Greece

Place: Cultural Center, EUC

Date: 12 February, 2016

The evaluation and management of common shoulder injuries was presented.

■ **Applied Laboratory: “Method & Technology Myoskeletal Rehabilitation Indiba activ”**

Coordinator: Dr. Dimitris Stasinopoulos, Vice-Chair of the Department of Health Sciences, Assistant Professor of Physiotherapy, EUC

Place: Laboratory N25, EUC

Date: 3 March, 2016

The workshop was organized by the graduate program of Sports Physiotherapy and undergraduate program of Physiotherapy of the EUC.

■ **Conference: “5th Pancyprian Conference of Physiotherapy”**

Organizers: Pancyprian Association of Physiotherapists / School of Sciences / Department of Health Sciences Chair of the Scientific committee: Dr. Christos Savvas, Lecturer of Physiotherapy program, EUC

Speakers: Dr. Sophia Xergia, Lecturer, Physiotherapy Program Coordinator, EUC, Aphrodite Tsavourelou, Scientific Collaborator, EUC, Christos Karayiannis, Clinical Physiotherapist, PhD candidate, EUC, Panagiotis Rentzias, PhD Candidate, Clinical Instructor, Master of Sports Physiotherapy, EUC, Nicolas Christodoulou, Professor, Physical & Rehabilitation Medicine, EUC, Maria George, Clinical Physiotherapist, Michalis Kouspis, Clinical Physiotherapist, Ippotherapeftis, Valentina Nikolaou, Clinical Instructor, Master of Sports Physiotherapy, Ioanna Matheou, Student

Presentation of posters: Dr. Dimitris Stassinopoulos, Assistant Professor, Program Coordinator of Sports Physiotherapy & Physiotherapy Doctoral Program, Dr. Christos Savva, Lecturer, Ioannis Mamais, Special Scientist, Anthonis Zacharopoulos, Special Scientist, Areti Zoi Cheimonidou, Clinical Trainer - Graduate Student, Anastasios Efstratiades, Graduate student, Alexandros Solomonides, Student, Emiliou Syzinos, Student, Erato Fanidou, Student, Rolandi Christodoulidou, Student, Christophoros Hadjimichael, Student, Paraskevas Mougias, Student

Place: Hilton Park

Date: 5-6 March 2016

The 5th Pancyprian Physiotherapy Conference was held at the Hilton Park Nicosia (5 and March, 2016) and European University Cyprus was co-host. In this conference, the participation of the audience was huge, as the total number ranged between 350-400 colleagues, as well as many members of the Physiotherapy program of European University Cyprus participated.

■ **Presentation / Discussion: “Counseling in the Practice of Speech Language Pathology & Benefits of Group Therapy and Ways to Collaborate with Social Workers & Counsellors”**

Organizers: School of Sciences / Department of Health Sciences / Language & Speech Therapy Program
Coordinator: Dr. Maria Christopoulou, Assistant Professor, Leadership and Management in Education, EUC
Speaker: Beth Guryan, MS, MCoun, Clinical Professor, Idaho State University-Meridian
Place: Room 206, EUC
Date: 21 March, 2016

European University Cyprus (Clinical Speech, Speech and Hearing) hosted Beth Guryan, pathologist, consultant professor and clinical supervisor of the University of Idaho in United States of America.

During the presence of Beth Guryan in Cyprus, organized visits where scheduled to specific organizations and agencies to initiate a “Communication Groups” with patients who have suffered post-traumatic injuries, skull-brain injury, aphasia, brain injury and neurological disorder that resulted in malfunction in communication. Two visits at Melathron EOKA Center where organized where group therapy was held in the presence of our students carrying out their clinical training there, the clinical supervisor and the European University Occupational Therapist.

■ **Workshop: “Occupational Therapy in Cyprus: History and Modern Trends”**

Coordinator: Dr. Pavlina Psychouli, Lecturer in Occupational Therapy, EUC
Speakers: Popi Moustaka, MSc, NDT, SIT, OTR, Occupational Therapist, Marietta Kiriakidou, Occupational Therapist of Mental Health, Nektaria Pieridou, M.A., NDT, SIT, Occupational Therapist, Katerina Chartitsiou, M.A., SIT, Doctoral student, Horizon – Center of Prevention, Development and Therapy, Dr. Pavlina Psychouli, Occupational Therapist, EUC
Place: Cultural Center, EUC
Date: 10 May, 2016

Local Occupational therapists, with different clinical backgrounds presented their work at this workshop. The aim was to introduce, inform and present occupational therapy’s role in different clinical cases and the way the profession is so far being implemented in Cyprus .

■ **2nd students’ Conference: “Imaging in Medicine”**

Coordinators: Dr. Irene Polycarpou, Lecturer, Medical Physics, Coordinator of the Radiology – Radiotherapy program, EUC, Mr Stephanos Leandrou, Instructor, Radiology Technology, EUC
Speakers: Presentation of work by students in scientific poster format and oral presentation.
Place: Auditorium D, EUC
Date: 12 May, 2016

The aim of the conference was the presentation and discussion of current trends in “Medical Imaging”. At the event, students beyond simply monitoring, participated as organizers and presented scientific papers in poster format and oral presentation, developing the scientific way of thinking and studying.

■ **4th Workshop on addictive substances: “Fly Free Looking for a Meaning in Life”**

Organizers: School of Science / Department of Health Sciences / Mental Health Services
Coordinator: George Charilaou Supervisor of Nursing Programs - Laboratories, EUC
Speakers: Dr. Maria Prodromou, PhD of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Mental Health Nursing, Dr. Gerasimos Papanastasatos, Doctor of Social Sciences, Sociologist - Criminologist, Dr. Argyris Argyriou, Psychiatrist, Dr. Despo Leonidou, PhD Clinical Psychology, Psychoanalytic Psychotherapist, Christiana Christou, Nursing Officer for Mental Health, Prevention Advisor of drug addiction, BSc Psychology, Philippos Philippou, Nursing Officer for Mental Health, Prevention Advisor of drug addiction
Place: Room 208, EUC
Date: 6 June, 2016

The event hosted 150 participants, including students in their 2nd and 3rd year of the Nursing program, mental health nurses from the Athalassa hospital, from various psychiatric clinics in Limassol and Nicosia, child psychiatric clinics, from the General Hospitals of Limassol, Nicosia, Larnaca, Famagusta, Kyperounta, Apollonio, officers from the central prisons, the nursing services of the Ministry of Health and colleagues from the department of Nursing of TEPAK. At the end of the conference, an experiential workshop for students took place, supervised by Dr. Maria Prodromou.



8.4. SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

8.4.1. MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, PROF. GEORGIOS PETRIKKOS

The School of Medicine of EUC, after three years of operation, has been recognized as a leading educational institution in the region. High-standard students, from all over the world, entrust us for their education and are becoming members of our international student family.

The existence and use of high-quality educational medical-infrastructure and state-of-the-art laboratories on-premise, along with the modern student-focused training methods we apply, as well as our problem-based intensive program, offer to our students the opportunity to study medicine in the best possible way. The high standard and quality faculty members, with international scientific experience, including Nobel Prize scientists of our School, are focused and dedicated in preparing the medical doctors of the new generation.

Our students have the opportunity to be oriented and trained in the medical environment, from the early years of their studies, by visiting national and private hospitals and medical centers. Highly qualified clinicians, who are experts in their field, are members of the educational team in order to mentor the students in developing the appropriate scientific and collaborative skills. A network of diverse hospital and community-based training sites expose students to the healthcare community, pioneering development of effective physician-patient communication skills and numerous innovative and extracurricular options.

In 2016, the School of Medicine was honored by hosting the Distinguished Professor Dr. Tomas Lindahl who lectured in an open to the public event on DNA repair- the scientific field for which he was awarded with the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 2015. Professor Lindahl was announced honorary Professor of the School of Medicine of EUC by the University Senate and he accepted the position, becoming member of the Faculty.

8.4.2. NOMINATIONS

■ Prof. Ada E. Yonath's

Prof. Ada E. Yonath's (Nobel Laureate in Chemistry, 2009) was awarded as an Honorary Professor at the School of Medicine on 14 November, 2015.

Ada Yonath, who is focusing on protein biosynthesis, graduated the Hebrew University, earned her Ph.D. from Weizmann Institute and completed her postdoctoral studies at Mellon-Institute and MIT, USA. In the seventies, she established the first structural-biology laboratory in Israel. She is the Kimmel Professor and Director of Kimmelman Center for Biomolecular Structure. During 1986-2004, she also headed Max-Planck-Research-Unit for Ribosome Structure in Hamburg. She is a member of the US National Academy of Sciences; the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities; the German Science Academy (Leopoldina); the EMBO; the International Academy of Astronautics, the UK Royal Society for Chemistry, the Pontificia Accademia delle Scienze (Vatican) and many more. She holds honorary doctorates from Oslo, NYU, Mount Sinai, Oxford, Cambridge, Hamburg, Berlin-Technical, Patras, De La Salle University and most Israeli Universities. Her awards include the Israel Prize; Paul-Karrer Medal; Louisa-Gross-Horwitz Prize; Ehrlich-Ludwig Medal; Linus Pauling Gold Medal; Wolf Prize; UNESCO/L'Oreal Award; Albert-Einstein World Award for Excellence; Erice Peace Prize; and the Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 2009.

8.4.3. VISITING PROFESSORS

■ Prof. Dr. Vanezis

Prof. Dr. Vanezis is Chief Forensic Medical Officer and Professor of Forensic Medical Sciences at Barts and the London, Queen Mary, University of London

- Founder President and Director of the Academy of Forensic Medical Sciences
- Honorary Consultant to the British Armed Forces
- Honored by the Queen with the Order of the British Empire for his forensic pathology services in Kosovo
- High profile cases and activities in which he has been personally involved include the death of Princess Diana and the investigation of the genocide in Rwanda and the Balkans.

■ Prof. Ingeborg Friehs

Dr. Ingeborg Friehs, MD is a general surgeon in Boston, Massachusetts. She is an Instructor in Surgery at Boston Children's Hospital.

■ Prof. Ada Yonath PhD, Nobel Laureate

Ada Yonath, who is focusing on protein biosynthesis, graduated the Hebrew University, earned Ph.D. from Weizmann Institute and completed postdoctoral studies at Mellon-Institute and MIT, USA. In the seventies, she established the first structural-biology laboratory in Israel. She is the Kimmel Professor and Director of Kimmelman Center for Biomolecular Structure. During 1986-2004 she also headed Max-Planck-Research-Unit for Ribosome Structure in Hamburg. She is a member of the US National Academy of Sciences; the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities; the German Science Academy (Leopoldina); the EMBO; the International Academy of Astronautics, the UK Royal Society for Chemistry, the Pontificia Accademia delle Scienze (Vatican) and many more. She holds honorary doctorates from Oslo, NYU, Mount Sinai, Oxford, Cambridge, Hamburg, Berlin-Technical, Patras, De La Salle University and most Israeli Universities. Her awards include the Israel Prize; Paul-Karrer Medal; Louisa-Gross-Horwitz Prize; Ehrlich-Ludwig Medal; Linus Pauling Gold Medal; Wolf Prize; UNESCO/L'Oreal Award; Albert-Einstein World Award for Excellence; Erice Peace Prize; and the Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 2009.

■ Prof. Vasilios A. Zerris MD, MPH, MSC, FAANS

Chairman of Neurosurgery "Henry Dunant Hospital Center"
Associate Professor of Surgery Baylor Scott and White Hospital, Texas A & M University
Diplomat of the American Board of Neurological Surgery
Fellow of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons

Professor of Neurosurgery, University UCY and Texas, A & M USA, Dr. Basil Zerris graduated from Harvard University and fully trained in neurosurgery in the USA. He is certified by the American Board of Neurological Surgery and a Fellow of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons. Before the advent of the University of Cyprus and the "Henry Dunant Hospital Center», he was Director of the University Clinic of Neurosurgery and Director of Neurosurgical Training Program to the Group Baylor Scott and White of Texas. Together with its partners, the Program develops prevention activities, diagnosis and treatment of surgical diseases of the central nervous system (brain and spinal cord) and the peripheral nerves.

■ Prof. Apostolos Athanasiadis

He is an elected Professor in Obstetrics - Gynecology and Maternal Fetal Medicine of the Medical School of Aristotle University, Thessaloniki, Greece, from which he graduated in 1980. He specialized in the Maternal Fetal Medicine Unit of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Yale University, USA.

He participates in the educational programs of Greek medical schools and in postgraduate workshops in Europe and especially in South East Europe. He successfully contributed in organizing many congresses and courses in Europe as president, member of the organizing committees and scientific coordinator.

His scientific contribution accounts for more than 250 scientific papers, presentations, articles and chapters. His papers have been cited more than 1,100 times in the Science Citation Index. He has been invited as lecturer and has given more than 280 lectures in international and Greek congresses and meetings.

He envisioned and realized, with the collaboration of other professors and specialists in the field, the creation of the "South East European Society of Perinatal Medicine", which now consists of 13 countries.

He is the Deputy Director of the Editorial Board of the Hellenic scientific journals "Ultrasonography" and "Perinatal and Neonatal Journal" and a member of the Editorial Board of the journal "Gynecology Obstetrics and Reproductive Medicine". He is a peer reviewer in Greek and International scientific journals.

At present, he is the President of the "South East European Society of Perinatal Medicine", President of the "Hellenic Society of Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology", a member of the Executive Board of the "European Association of Perinatal Medicine". He was the past President of the "Hellenic Society of Perinatal Medicine" (2002-2004). He is a member of the specialized team in Fetal Maternal Medicine of the "Hellenic Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology". He participates in 20 Greek and International scientific societies. He is an Associate Member of the "International Academy of Perinatal Medicine", an Honorary Member of the "Romanian Society of Perinatal Medicine" and has been awarded with the "Soranos 2011" and Ayash Siban Sifai 2009" scientific awards.

His main scientific interests are fetal medicine, prenatal diagnosis, 3D and 4D ultrasonography, the influence of maternal nutrition in pregnancy and bioethics.

8.4.4. EVENTS

■ 3rd International Bio-Medical Scientific Cyprus Congress with the topic: "Biomedical Scientific Cyprus"

Coordinator: Prof. Ioannis Patrikios

Keynote Speaker: Professor Dr. Ada E. Yonath (Nobel in Chemistry, 2009 "Structure and Function of the Ribosome")

Speakers: Dr. Ada Yonath, Nobel Laureate, Dr. David Bates, Dr. Achilleas Gravanis, Dr. Paolo Riccio, Dr. Adina T. Michael-Titus, Dr. Marios Pantzaris, Dr. Kleopas Kleopa, Dr. Konstantinos Deltas, Dr. Konstantinos Poulas

Venue: EUC Premises

Date: 14/11/2015

■ 1st Cyprus Annual Medical Students Meeting (CAMESM)

Coordinator: Dr. George Marcoullis, Dean School of Medicine

Speakers: Minister Dr. George Pamborides, Ministry of Health, Minister Dr. Costas Kadis, Ministry of Education and Culture, Dr. Francisco Gutierrez, Senior Vice-President Medicine & Health Sciences, Laureate International Universities, Stella Kyriakidou, Member of the Cyprus House of Representatives, Vice Chairwoman, Committee on Health Affairs, Nicos Nouris, Member of the Cyprus House of Representatives, Committee on Health Affairs, Dr. Petros Agathangelou, President, Cyprus Medical Association (CyMA), Dr. Christoforos Hadjikyriakou, CEO, EUC, Prof. Kostas Gouliamos, Rector, EUC, Prof. George Marcoullis, Acting Dean, School of Medicine, EUC, Dr. Eleni Theocharous, MEP, Prof. Vasilios Papademetriou, Georgetown University, Medical Center, U.S.A., Prof. Nikolaos Zamboglou, Professor of Radiation Oncology, University of Frankfurt, Director of Radiation Klinikum Offenbach, Prof. Theodoros Xanthos, School of Medicine, EUC, Dr. Gerhard Friehs, Visiting Associate Professor, EUC, Dr. Elena Solomou, Visiting Assistant Professor, School of Medicine, EUC, Mr. Yiannis Yiannaki, Commissioner for Volunteering and Non-Governmental Organizations, Mrs. Stella Kyriakides, Member of the Cyprus House of Representatives, Mr. Richard Saad, Students' Representative

Venue: EUC Premises

Date: 13/2/2016

The organization of the First Annual Conference of Cyprus Medical Students aimed to promote and discuss issues of concern to students of medicine and of related topics as the current trends in the field of medical education in Europe and the world in general, prospects for research, academic or/and clinic career, as well as cooperation with the medical industry. References were made to the medical curriculum requirements and to how to better manage workload and stress. The Conference also underlined the responsibility and contribution of the medical profession to society, as well as the significance of voluntary work and altruism.

■ White Coat Ceremony

Inauguration ceremony of freshmen for the new academic year 2015-16.

Coordinator: Dr. George Marcoullis, Acting Dean School of Medicine

Speakers: Dr. Philippos Patsalis Minister of Health, Dr. Costas Kadis, Minister of Education and Culture, Mr. Costas Constantinou, President of the Committee on Health Affairs of the House of Representatives, Mr. George Tasou, President of the Committee on Educational Affairs of the House of Representatives

Venue: EUC Premises

Date: 13/02/2016

■ **Screening for Chromosomal Abnormalities in Prenatal Diagnosis**

Coordinator: Prof. Elpida Nikoloussi

Speaker: Apostolos P. Athanasiadis, MD, PHD, Professor in Obstetrics Gynecology & Maternal Fetal Medicine, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece

Venue: EUC Premises

Date: 12/04/2016

The seminar focused on new, non-invasive screening methods of chromosomal abnormalities from the peripheral blood of pregnant women as compared with currently widely used and invasive procedures. It was addressed to doctors and other health professionals and students of medicine and health sciences.

■ **The World Renowned Professor of Forensic Medicine Dr. Peter Vanezis**

Coordinator: Prof. Ioannis Patrikios

Speaker: Dr. Peter Vanezis, Chief Forensic Medical Officer and Professor of Forensic Medical Sciences at Barts and the London, Queen Mary, University of London, Founder President and Director of the Academy of Forensic Medical Sciences, Honorary Consultant to the British Armed Forces, Honored by the Queen with the Order of the British Empire for his forensic pathology services in Kosovo

Venue: EUC Premises

Date: 18/04/2016

High-profile cases and activities in which he [Dr. Peter Vanezis] has been personally involved include the death of Princess Diana and the investigation of genocide in Rwanda and the Balkans.

Forensic autopsy is an integral part of the medical practice. Its value as a tool in the investigation of disease and unnatural deaths, as well as some of the new developments in the use of imaging to assist autopsy practices was described.

■ **2nd Seminar on Training the Trainers**

Coordinator: Prof. George Petrikkos

Speakers: Kostas Gouliamos, Rector EUC, George Marcoullis, Acting Dean of Medical School, EUC, Despo Ierodiakonou, Acting Chairperson Medical School, EUC, Elizabeth Johnson, Professor of Anatomy Medical School, EUC, Theodoros Xanthos, Professor of Physiology and Pathophysiology, Medical School, EUC, Giagkos Lavranos, Assistant Professor of Public Health, EUC, George Petrikkos Professor of Medicine, Medical Training Coordinator, Medical School, EUC, George Malietzis, Academic Teaching Fellow in Surgery, Imperial College London, Andreas Efstathiou, Vice-Rector of Research & External Affairs, EUC, Neophytos Demetriades, Assistant Professor Medical School EUC, Ioannis Patrikios, Professor of Biochemistry Medical School, EUC

Venue: EUC Premises

Date: 18-19/05/2016

The purpose of the seminar was the understanding of undergraduate education targets of Medicine of the European University (ERO) and the consolidation of the principles and methods of education in order to familiarize clinicians with current clinical training practices medicine of PSR students according to previous theoretical education of students in relation to the year of their studies. The seminar focused on the role of clinical instructors, while it also introduced approaches to medical research.

■ **Poster Sessions:**

Coordinator: Prof. Ioannis Patrikios

Venue: EUC Premises

Date: Twice a year at the end of each semester

Presentation of scientific articles by Biochemistry students for the purpose of presenting scientific posters.



8.5. SCHOOL OF LAW

8.5.1. MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF LAW, DR. KONSTANTINOS TSIMARAS

The Law School of the European University Cyprus (evolved out of the Law department of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, since September 2015) has maintained a sustainable direction, while it has also undergone reorientation. This year we have been achieved successes on multiple levels. More specifically, the School in 2015-16:

- academically, developed and achieved a steady flow of student admission. During this time, the undergraduate programs of Cypriot and Greek Law, the LL.M. and the PhD program in Law were further developed. It is worth mentioning that among other achievements and distinctions, the President of the Hellenic Republic, Mr. Prokopios Pavlopoulos was awarded an honorary doctoral degree by the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Faculty of Law, in April 2015.
- research wise, achieved the greatest distinction. In October 2015 the faculty member Dr. Thomas Papadopoulos was awarded the “Cyprus Research Award – Young Researcher (2014)” by the Research Promotion Foundation of the Republic of Cyprus (category of ‘Social Sciences & Humanities’). This award honored him as the best young researcher in Cyprus in this category. The award was conferred during a special ceremony, under the auspices of the President of the Republic of Cyprus. This distinction was awarded on the basis of his research on Takeovers and Mergers. This development gives further impetus to the research efforts of the School, creates conditions of excellence and interdisciplinarity.
- at a social level, the School hosted, organized and participated in several events with particular reference to the annual conference on criminal law, which brings together the professors of criminal law of the Universities of Greece, as well as the President of Supreme Civil and Criminal Court of Greece and former Prime Minister Aikaterini Thanou and the Prosecutor and Deputy Prosecutors of the same court.

The School aims, through the provision of new undergraduate and postgraduate programs, to develop further.

8.5.2. VISITING PROFESSORS

■ Christina Zarafonitou

Vice Rector of International Relations and European Educational Programmes of Panteion University (2016-20). Director of the Postgraduate Programme Studies of “Criminology” and of the Laboratory of Urban Criminology, as well as a member of the Board of the Greek Center of Criminology and of the Center of the Penal Sciences of Panteion University.

■ Georgios Nikolopoulos

Professor at Department of Sociology of Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences.

■ Michael Paterakis

Doctorate of Law, Practicing Lawyer with Specialization in Transportation Law and Logistics.

8.5.3. EVENTS

■ **International Two-Day Conference: “REDA2015: Regulation and Enforcement in the Digital Era. Challenges of data protection, copyright law, e-commerce and consumer law”**

Organisation: School of Law, European University Cyprus and Department of Law, University of Cyprus
Co-ordination: Philippe Jougoux, Associate Professor, School of Law, EUC, Christiana Markou, Lecturer, School of Law, EUC, Thalia Prastitou Merdi, Lecturer, School of Law, EUC and Tatiana Synodinou, Associate Professor, Department of Law, University of Cyprus

Chairs: Mrs Irene Loizidou – Nikolaidou, Commissioner for Personal Data Protection, Mrs. Lena Demetriadou - Andreou, President of the District Court of Nicosia, Mr. Achilleas Demetriades, Lawyer, Mr. Andreas Paschalides, Judge of the Supreme Court of Cyprus (Retired), Mrs. Marina Papadopoulou, District Judge

Speakers: Dr. Lee Bygrave, Professor Department of Private Law, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo, Mrs. Maria Michaelidou, Data Protection Unit, Council of Europe, Modernising, Mr. Jochen Engelhardt, Legal Director for Microsoft Central and Eastern Europe, Dr. Christiana Markou, Lecturer, School of Law, EUC, Dr. Thalia Prastitou Merdi, Lecturer, School of Law, EUC, Dr. Evripidis Rizos, Lecturer, School of Law, EUC, Dr. Tatiana Synodinou, Associate Professor, Department of Law, University of Cyprus, Dr. Stephanie Carre, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Strasbourg, Dr. Orit Fischman Afori, Professor, Vice-Dean College of Management Academic Studies Law School, Israel, Dr. Tamir Afori, Adv., Senior Partner at Gilat, Bareket & Co, The Reinhold Cohn Group, Israel, Dr Philippe Jougoux, Associate Professor, School of Law, EUC, Dr. Nikitas Hatzimichael, Associate Professor, Department of Law, University Cyprus, Dr. Achilleas Emilianidis, Professor, Department of Law, University of Nicosia, Dr. Ioannis Igglezakis, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Dr. Costas Stratilatis, Assistant Professor, Department of Law, University of Nicosia, Mrs. Vanessa Antoniadou, Academic Program Manager, Microsoft Cyprus

Venue: Cultural Center, EUC

Date: 5 November 2015 & 6 November 2015

The Internet’s legal framework constituted the main topic of the International Law Conference “REDA 2015: Regulation and Enforcement in the Digital Era”. During the Conference, organized by the School of Law of European University Cyprus and the Law Department of the University of Cyprus, distinguished international and Cypriot speakers discussed about current legal issues related to personal data protection, copyright law, electronic commerce and online consumer protection.

■ **Seminar: “Compensation due to termination of continuous commercial cooperation agreements (commercial agency, distribution, franchising)”**

Co-ordination: Thomas Papadopoulos, Assistant Professor, School of Law, EUC

Speakers: Nikolaos Tellis, Professor of Commercial Law, School of Law, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Venue: Room 208, EUC

Date: 19 November 2015

The main subject of the seminar was the issue of the contractor’s compensation in cases of early termination of contracts such as commercial agency, distribution contracts and franchising.

■ **Seminar: “The protection of color shades and packaging in trademark and branding law”**

Coordination: Antigoni Alexandropoulou, Assistant Professor and Programme Coordinator of the LLM Program, School of Law, EUC

Speakers: Dr. Christos Chrysanthis, Assistant Professor, School of Law, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Venue: Room 208, EUC

Date: 2 December 2015

The purpose of the seminar was the protection of trademarks, especially concerning elements such as color shades or packaging elements that differentiate a brand from other similar products.

■ **Workshop under the graduate distance learning program: European Union Law “Consumer Protection Law”**

Organisation: School of Law, European University Cyprus, and Open University

Workshop Coordinator: Dr. Christiana Markou, Open University Cyprus & European University Cyprus

Sessions:

A. European Center for Cyprus Consumers: A useful forum

Speakers: Anastasia Stylianidou, Legal Advisor, European Consumer Center, Olga Xinari, Advisor, European Consumer Cent

B. The role of the Service of Competition and Consumer Protection in Cyprus

Speakers: Vasilis Stergiou, Officer, Service of Competition and Consumer Protection in Cyprus

Location: European University Cyprus, Room 206

Date: 9 December 2015

Description: Representatives of the European Consumer Center and of the Service of Competition and Consumer Protection in Cyprus analyzed the role of the bodies they are representing in the enforcement of consumer protection legislation and the resolution of disputes between businesses and consumers.

■ **Seminar: "The MoU's and the application of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights"**

Coordinator: Thomas Papadopoulos, Assistant Professor, School of Law, EUC

Speaker: Asterios Pliakos, Professor of European Law, Athens University of Economics and Business and Head of the 2nd Directorate of Scientific Studies at the Hellenic Parliament

Venue: Auditorium A, EUC

Date: 11 December 2015

The event examined the legal relationship between the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and the MoUs that were signed by EU member states and international institutions such as the IMF and the ECB in order to provide financial support to the aforementioned member states.

■ **International workshop: "Registered partnership in Greece and in Cyprus"**

Coordinators: Theodoros Trokanas, Lecturer, School of Law EUC & Evripidis Rizos, Lecturer, School of Law, EUC

Inaugural speech: Doros Ioannidis, Lawyer, Cyprus Bar Association President

Speakers: Athina Kotzampasi, Professor, School of Law, AUTH, Lawmaking Commission Member L. 4356/2015, Efi Kounougeri-Manoledaki, Emeritus Professor, School of Law, AUTH, Lawmaking Commission Member L. 4356/2015, Sotiris Liasidis, Family Court President

Venue: Cultural Center, EUC

Date: 8 April 2016

The object of the day was a contemporary institution of Family Law, the Registered Partnership according to the terminology of Greek Law or Civil Union, and according to the terminology of Cypriot Law, after the passing of Law 4356/2015 in Greece and Law 184 (I)/2015 in Cyprus, respectively. The significance of both instruments lies in the fact that they allow homosexual couples to legally recognize their relationship. The three speakers developed the themes of formation, dissolution and function of the institution both in Greek and Cypriot Law, placing emphasis on the partners' personal and property relations.

■ **International Workshop: "The citizen of the internal market and of the European Union: recent developments in European Law"**

Coordinator: Dr. Christiana Markou, European University Cyprus & Open University Cyprus

Speakers: Dr. Evgenia Sahpekidou, Professor of Law, Aristotelian University, Thessaloniki, Dr. Demosthenis Lentzis, Lecturer of Law, Aristotelian University, Thessaloniki

Welcoming Remarks: Dr. Constantinos Tsimaras, Vice Dean, EUC, Dionisis Papadatos, President ELSA Cyprus

Location: EUC, Room 200

Date: 14 April 2016

The European Union began as a common market within which EU citizens enjoyed free movement rights as long as they were economic factors or 'common market' participants. The establishment of the European Citizenship, however, was bound to extend the application of free movement rights to EU citizens in general regardless of economic factors. Steps towards such an extension are evident in recent developments, particularly in the legal case of the CJEU which was the focus of discussion of this lecture.

■ **International workshop: "ADR: Alternative or Appropriate Dispute Resolution? Negotiations for a good start"**

Coordinator: Theodoros Trokanas, Lecturer, School of Law, EUC

Speaker: Dimitra Triantafyllou, Lawyer, Mediator, Mediator Trainer

Venue: Auditorium A, EUC

Date: Wednesday 11 May 2016

The workshop presented alternative dispute resolution methods, following an introduction to negotiating methods and techniques applied globally. The students familiarized themselves with the role of the mediator in the contemporary legal world and participated in a simulated negotiation role-play.

■ **Seminar under the course: European Law I: “Applicable law in contemporary systems of movable securities”**

Coordinator: Dr. Christiana Markou, Lecturer, EUC

Speaker: Alkaios Sivitanidis, Attorney

Location: EUC, Room 200

Date: 13 May 2016

Finding the applicable law in cases with an international element is often a complicated exercise and it becomes even more complicated when the dispute relates to movable securities, which ‘move’ as part of contemporary and complex systems. This lecture illustrates the relevant issue and discusses possible legal approaches.

■ **International workshop: “Recent Developments in Public Procurement Law”**

Coordinator: Konstantinos Tsimaras, Assistant Professor, EUC

Speakers: Marika Papathoma Kaligerou, President of the Administrative Court, Dimitris Raikos, Associate Professor, School of Law, Democritean University of Thrace, President, Independent Public Procurement Authority (ΕΑΑΔΗΣΥ), Christos Detsarides, Assistant Professor, School of Law, Democritean University of Thrace, Vice – President, Independent Public Procurement Authority (ΕΑΑΔΗΣΥ)

Venue: Auditorium Delta, EUC

Date: 13 May 2016

The purpose of the international workshop was the presentation and analysis of the new EU Directive on public procurement and their integration in Greek and Cypriot law.

■ **Conference: “Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure”**

Coordinator: Christos Satlanis, Professor, School of Law, EUC

Chair of the conference: Vassiliki Thanou- Christophilou, President of the Supreme Court of Greece, caretaker Prime minister of Greece, President of the Court of Cassation, ex President of the Syndicate of Judges and Attorneys

Speakers: Lambros Margaritis, Professor, School of Law, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, Ioannis Yiannidis, Professor, School of Law, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece, Charalambos Vourliotis, Vice General Prosecutor, Supreme Court of Greece, Aristotle Charalambakis, Professor, School of Law, Democritean University of Thrace, Greece, Iacovos Farsedakis, Professor, School of Law, EUC, Demetrios Tziouvas, Judge of the Supreme Court of Greece, Adam Papadamakis, Professor, School of Law, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, Stephanos Pavlou, Professor, School of Law, Democritean University of Thrace, Greece, Christos Satlanis, Professor, School of Law, EUC

Venue: Cultural Center, EUC

Date: 14 May 2016

In the above conference the following topics were developed: res judicata in criminal procedure, the reasoning of the judicial decision, the evidentiary prohibitions in criminal proceedings, the principles applicable to the extradition, the excusable mistake of law, the problems arising from the criminal protection of intellectual property, the criminal responsibility for non-payment of debts to the public sector and the distinction of crimes in genuine and particular crimes.

■ **Guest lecture in the context of LAW265 Environmental Law and DEE211 Environmental Law modules: “Waste resource management in the climate change era: Proposals for the environment and the economy”**

Organisation: School of Law, European University Cyprus and Open University of Cyprus

Co-ordination: Thalia Prastitou Merdi, Lecturer, School of Law, EUC and Co-ordinator of Environmental Law module, Open University of Cyprus

Speakers: Ioanna Panagiotou, Environment Commissioner of the Republic of Cyprus, Dr Giannis Mylopoulos, Visiting Professor, EUC / Professor of Civil & Environmental Engineering, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Date: 7 December 2015

Venue: Room 114, EUC

In the context of this guest lecture, Mrs. Panagiotou presented the water problem faced by Cyprus in a climate change era focusing on the causes of this complex problem as well as on the methods for its management. Professor Mylopoulos presented the issue of sustainable development for the environment and the water policy in a climate change era at both EU and national level.



8.6. SCHOOL OF ARTS AND EDUCATION SCIENCES

8.6.1. MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND EDUCATION SCIENCES, DR. LOIZOS SYMEOU

The School of Arts and Education Sciences of European University Cyprus has dynamically and successfully evolved over the years, presenting a strong foothold and presence in the field of Arts, Design, Music, Education, Teaching, and Pedagogy. This development and continuous chain of fulfilling and productive years continued during the academic year 2015-16.

During this year, our Department of Arts and consequently our University, was ranked first and in the highest category among all Cyprus universities (co-ranking with just another Greek-speaking university) in the U-Multirank European Union evaluation and ranking of universities system in the research category 'Art Related Outputs' (110th in total of 621 universities in Europe). The U-Multirank 'Art Related Outputs' research category is defined as 'the number of scholarly outputs in the creative and performing arts, relative to the full-time equivalent number of academic staff'. Among the criteria taken into consideration is the number of concerts, recitals and exhibitions organized, performed, and produced, as well as the number of artefacts and media productions realized in the period under evaluation (2012-2014). My warmest congratulations to our colleagues of the Department of Arts of our University for this great success, resulting after years of creative and innovative action.

During the academic year 2015-16, the School of Arts and Education Sciences enhanced its innovation in alternative teaching methods by coordinating the implementation of our University Hybrid courses project. Our colleague, Professor Marios Vryonides, was appointed Director of the Hybridity Project. Additionally, our School continued to offer its postgraduate programs of study through the Distance Education teaching methodology, with the number of registered students surpassing 50% of the total number of Distance Education students in the entire University. At undergraduate level, the BAs 'Early Childhood Education', 'Music' and 'Graphic Design' continued to be the top choice of students studying in these fields among the private university sector. Notably, the postgraduate program MA in Education Sciences: Special (Inclusive) Education was for another year the School's most attractive program of studies in both its conventional and distance education modes of instruction. The School's avid presence extended to local community actions. The Department of Education Sciences organised another successful two cycle-series of seminars on «Education, Culture and Society», as did the Department of Arts with its two cycle «Art Lecture Series». The School also continued issuing its electronic Newsletter (3rd and 4th edition), while a number of innovative activities and interventions were organized by the School's research laboratories: the Cultural Studies and Contemporary Arts (CSCA) Laboratory, the Inquiry in Science and Math Education Research Group, and the Early Childhood Education Lab. Research teams of the School have also participated with innovative research activities to the Researchers Night 2016, with great success. In addition, the School organized a series of colloquia for the University's doctoral students, as well as the 4th Forum on Education & Social Justice: "Memory, Identity and Cultural Representations", and the 1st and 2nd Cyprus Jazz Workshop established by the Department of Arts in collaboration with the USA Embassy in Cyprus and Jazz Education Abroad (JEA) taking place every July.

The academic and research staff of the School produced a large number of new publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals, and presented their work in international exhibitions and concerts, while significantly increasing their participation in internationally-funded research programs, including the European Network for Technology Enhanced Learning in an Inclusive Society (ENTELIS) Project Living Labs at European University Cyprus, Equity and Social Inclusion through Positive Parenting (ESIPP), STEM Teacher Training Innovation for Gender Balance (STING),

Heads using Professional Learning Communities (HeadsUp), E-learning Objects for Innovative Science Education (E-LOISE), Valuing the Past, Sustaining the Future: Education, Knowledge and Identity across Three Generations in Coastal Communities.

Regarding our students' achievements, during the academic year 2015-16, a number of students earned awards in the fields of Design and Music by participating in local and international competitions. In addition, our School initiated, and signed memoranda of understanding between established and renowned local foundations and European University Cyprus, such as the Pierides Foundation, the Leventis Gallery, the Pancyprian Greek Teachers Association and the Cyprus Secondary Education Greek Teachers Association.

All these actions involving a comprehensive stratum of actions, including faculty, staff, and students, bring forward and demonstrate the School's continuous efforts and outstanding output in all its scientific fields, both within the university and the local community.

8.6.2. EVENTS

8.6.2.1. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SCIENCES

■ **International Conference: "Teacher Professionalism & Educational Change: Possibilities for Policy & Practice"**

Coordinator: Dr. Eleni Theodorou

Speakers: Prof. Adam Lefstein, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Dr. Richard Race, University of Roehampton, Prof. Maria Meletiou-Mavrotheris, European University Cyprus, Dr. Constadina Charalambous, European University Cyprus, Dr. Panayiota Charalambous, Scientific Collaborator, European University Cyprus, Dr. Michalinos Zembylas, Open University Cyprus, Dr. Anastasia Liasidou, European University Cyprus, Dr. Anastasia Hadjiyiannakou, European University Cyprus, Dr. Eleni Theodorou, European University Cyprus, Dr. Stavroula Kontovourki, University of Cyprus, Dr. Stavroula Philippou, University of Cyprus, Dr. Chrystalla Papademetri-Kachrimani, European University Cyprus, Ms Marianna Efstathiadou, European University Cyprus and Ms Andrea Eliadou, European University Cyprus.

Venue: European University Cyprus

Date: 11-12 September 2015

The conference was organized by the Department of Education Sciences of European University Cyprus and was held at the European University Cyprus on Friday 11 and Saturday 12 September 2015. The conference included plenary talks, symposia, parallel sessions, poster sessions, and workshops. The aim was to bring together educators, policy makers, researchers and other stakeholders who may be interested in the field of teacher professionalism and educational change. Participants were invited to discuss and share experiences, research, or theoretical explorations on issues of teacher professionalism in eras of educational change that relate to current trends and challenges on educational policy, new technologies, learner diversity and the curriculum.

■ **Event: "BIOforLIFE: Cyprus Biodiversity"**

Coordinator: Dr. Loucas Louca

Speakers: Filio Kyriakou, BIOforLIFE Project Manager, Dias Publishing House, Elena Stylianopoulou, Senior Environmental Officer, Department of Environment, Dr. Celia Hadjichristodoulou, Manager, GrantXpert Consulting Ltd, Panagiota Koutsofta, Research Officer, Cyprus Foundation for the Protection of the Environment-Terra Cypria, George Kasianos, Manager, Thanos Hotel Group, Dr. Loucas Louca, European University Cyprus and Dr. Ioannis Voudouris, Frederick University

Venue: Auditorium A, European University Cyprus

Date: 15 September 2015

External research project results dissemination workshop.

<http://www.cypusbiodiversity.eu/%CF%84%CE%B5%CE%BB%CE%B9%CE%BA%CE%B7-%CE%B5%CE%BA%CE%B4%CE%B7%CE%BB%CF%89%CF%82%CE%B71.html>

The scope of BIOforLIFE project is the development of a communication campaign with the aim of raising the public's awareness on the subject of biodiversity.

The key messages to be communicated through the campaign are as follow:

- Communicate and explain biodiversity and its importance.
- Raise the profile of Cypriot species (snakes, bats).
- Communicate and explain how biodiversity is connected to our economic prosperity and well-being.
- Communicate the pan-European effort to preserve biodiversity through the Natura 2000 Network and the benefits of designation in terms of economic/tourist/ecological opportunities.
- Communicate and explain cross-cutting issues: the impact of farming, invasive alien species and illegal bird slaughter on biodiversity.
- Explain that biodiversity and ecosystem services are important for a more sustainable economic model.

■ **Seminar: "Performance and Pedagogical Techniques for the Recorder" (Music Educational Club, Department of Arts, School of Arts and Education Sciences)**

Coordinator: Dr Yiannis Miralis

Speaker: Mr Farid Rahme, Lebanese National Higher Conservatory of Music

Venue: Room G01, European University Cyprus

Date: 11 October 2015

The Music Education Club of European University Cyprus organized a seminar on the performance techniques, repertoire and pedagogy of the recorder with the Lebanese recorder teacher Mr. Farid Rahme who teaches at the Lebanese Conservatory of Music. During his presentation Mr. Rahme discussed the different instruments of the recorder family, the use of the recorder in Orf-related classes, explained various performance techniques, shared innovative ideas on how to introduce recorders in all levels of education and conducted rehearsals of a recorder ensemble. In addition, he also gave a short recital on original repertoire for solo recorder. Students had the opportunity to experience the range of capabilities that the recorder has to offer, both to music educators, performers and composers.

■ **Colloquium: "The experience of writing a doctoral thesis"**

Organized by: Department of Education Sciences, School of Arts and Education Sciences (Organization of the Colloquium as part of the PhD in Education program of study)

Coordinator: Dr Marios Vryonides

Venue: Room 101, European University Cyprus

Date: 24 October 2015

On Saturday 24 October 2015, 11:30-14:30 the School of Arts and Education Sciences organized the first Colloquium of the Doctoral Program in Education Sciences entitled "The experience of writing a doctoral thesis". The Colloquium was presented by Dr. Marios Vryonides, Doctoral Program Coordinator (Department of Education Sciences). The Colloquium was attended by around 30 doctoral students (old and new) from all faculties of the University and by several faculty members.

■ **Interdisciplinary Lecture Series Education, Society and Culture: "I speak Turkish but I am Greek: children's strategies for identity negotiation"**

Organized by: Department of Education Sciences, School of Arts and Education Sciences

Coordinator: Dr Constadina Charalambous and Dr Katerina Mavrou

Speakers: Dr Eleni Theodorou, European University Cyprus

Venue: Room 208, European University Cyprus

Date: 27 October 2015

The Department of Education Sciences, under the coordination of Dr. Constadina Charalambous (Department of Education Sciences) organized another successful series of seminars on "Education, Culture and Society". During the Fall 2015 term, the seminars focused on "Immigration and Interculturalism" and involved well-known scholars from Cyprus and abroad. The seminars were open to the public and attracted, apart from students, a large number of educators.

■ **“Workshop for the students of the Education Sciences Department”**

Coordinator: Dr Constadina Charalambous and Dr Katerina Mavrou

Speaker: Mrs Panagiota Plisi, renowned author of children’s books

Venue: Omega Auditorium, European University Cyprus

Date: 10 November 2015

Dr. Katerina Mavrou and Dr. Constadina Charalambous (Department of Education Sciences) organised a workshop for undergraduate and postgraduate students of the Department of Education on dealing with the issue of divorce in the classroom. The workshop took place on 10 November and was run by Panagiota Plisi, an awarded writer of children literature. The workshop focused on her current book “Μα, μπαμπά, είναι χάλι!” which has received a state award.

■ **Interdisciplinary Lecture Series Education, Society and Culture: “Outlining the identity of the refugee and the immigrant through modern visual representations: Approaches and applications in art education in an inclusive education”**

Coordinators: Dr. Constadina Charalambous and Dr. Katerina Mavrou

Speaker: Dr Tereza Markidou, European University Cyprus

Venue: Omega Auditorium, European University Cyprus

Date: 19 November 2015

The Department of Education Sciences, under the coordination of Dr. Constadina Charalambous (Department of Education Sciences) organized another successful series of seminars on “Education, Culture and Society”. During the Fall 2015 term, the seminars focused on “Immigration and Interculturalism” and involved well-known scholars from Cyprus and abroad. The seminars were open to the public and attracted, apart from students, a large number of educators

■ **Music Symposium: “Teaching approaches to contemporary music via works of Cypriot composers”**

Organized by: Department of Arts, School of Arts and Education Sciences (in collaboration with the Cyprus Pedagogical Institute and the Management of Primary and Secondary Education of the Ministry of Education and Culture)

Coordinator: Ms. Maro Skordi and Dr. Georgia Petroudi

Speakers and Performers: Ms. Maro Skordi, European University Cyprus, Dr. Georgia Neophytou, Inspector for Music in Secondary Education, Ministry of Education and Culture, Dr. Christina Athinodorou, Scientific Collaborator, European University Cyprus, Dr. Alexandros Charkiolakis, Μουσικολόγος, Director of the Erol Ucer Musical Library και Lecturer of Historical Musicology MIAM, Istanbul Technical University, Dr. Theodora Constantinou, Inspector for Music in Primary Education, Ministry of Education and Culture, Dr George Christofi, European University Cyprus, Dr. Georgia Petroudi, European University Cyprus, Dr Evis Sammoutis, European University Cyprus, Dr. Katy Romanou, European University Cyprus, Dr. Antonia Forari, Officer for Curriculum Development, Cyprus Pedagogical Institute, Dr. Olympia Agalianou, Scientific Collaborator, European University Cyprus

Venue: Cultural Center, European University Cyprus

Date: 20 November 2015

The Department of Arts of European University Cyprus, in collaboration with the Cyprus Pedagogical Institute and the Ministry of Education and Culture organized a music symposium entitled “Teaching approaches to contemporary music via works of Cypriot composers”. The symposium took place on 20 November, 2015 at the Cultural Center of European University Cyprus. The participants had the opportunity to discuss compositions by Christina Athinodorou, George Christofi and Evis Sammoutis. The compositions were analysed by the musicologists Alexandros Charkiolakis, Georgia Petroudi and Katy Romanou. A workshop followed with the music educator Olympia Agalianou.

■ **"Presentation of Ghanaian Music" (Music Educational Club, Department of Arts, School of Arts and Education Sciences)**

Coordinator: Dr. Yiannis Miralis

Speaker: Mr. Sowah Mensah, Macalester College Minneapolis, USA

Venue: Room G01, European University Cyprus

Date: 29, 30 November and 1 December 2015

The Music Education Club of European University Cyprus organized a number of lectures and seminars in African music with the ethnomusicologist and composer Sowah Mensah from Ghana. Mr. Mensah teaches at Macalester College and the University of St. Thomas in the US and has a rich teaching experience at all levels of education. During his three-day stay, he worked with undergraduate and graduate students and presented on Tuesday, 1 December, 2015, in the cafeteria of the University a short program with African crusts. Students had the opportunity to experience the energy of African rhythms and the magic of participation in a special music ensemble.

■ **"Art Lecture Series: Education and Museum in Cyprus"**

Coordinator: Dr. Elena Stylianou

Speaker: Ms. Despo Pasia, Ministry of Education and Culture (Primary Education Teacher) and Administrator of Educational Programs in National Gallery of Contemporary Art

Venue: Graphic Design Studios, European University Cyprus

Date: 7 December 2015

The workshop was developed in two parts. During the first, Pasia presented the outcomes of a research project conducted in 2015 by Pasia and Stalo Antonio and concerns educational programs that take place in museums. The presentation of the outcomes focused on the thematics of the various programs and touches upon their relationship with the history of museum development in Cyprus. It also reflected upon the scientific fields and educational mediums used by these programs. During the workshop's second part, hands-on activities took place. Starting from students' understanding of the concept of the museum, notions of place and space, and of museum education, the workshop discussed the ways in which an interdisciplinary approach and use of mobile technology was possible to produce new educational processes in the museums space. The educational program "At Hadjigeorgakis or Marouthkias: Researching Gender through a House-Museum" was used as a case study.

■ **Interdisciplinary Lectures Series: Education, Society and Culture: "Managing Interculturalism: Pedagogical approaches, challenges and recommendations"**

Coordinator: Dr. Constadina Charalambous and Dr. Katerina Mavrou

Speakers: Dr. Christina Hadjisoteriou, University of Nicosia

Venue: Room 208, European University Cyprus

Date: 10 December 2015

The Department of Education Sciences, under the coordination of Dr. Constadina Charalambous (Department of Education Sciences) organized another successful series of seminars on "Education, Culture and Society". During the Fall 2015 term, the seminars focused on "Immigration and Interculturalism" and involved well-known scholars from Cyprus and abroad. The seminars were open to the public and attracted, apart from students, a large number of educators.

■ **"PianoFest at the EUC"**

Coordinators: Dr Evis Sammoutis, Dr Christina Athinodorou and Ms Annini Tsiouti.

Venue: Cultural Center, European University Cyprus

Date: 11 December 2015

The School of Arts and Education Sciences of European University Cyprus organized the first Piano Festival «PianoFest at the EUC». Artists and pianists guests of the Music Program of the University, presented a program of 20th century works and contemporary music for solo piano, including "Musica Ricercata" of Gyorgy Ligeti's first nationwide implementation, but also in world premiere the project "33/36 seconds in three sounds" of the new Greek composer Elias Kotzia. The festival took place on Friday, 11 December 2015, at 8pm, at the Cultural Center of European University Cyprus.

■ **“Workshop on Wind Instrument Pedagogy for Music Educators”**

Coordinator: Dr. Yiannis Miralis
Venue: Nodre Dame University, Beirut
Date: 17 January 2016

Dr. Yiannis Miralis (Department of Arts) was invited in Lebanon to present a teacher training workshop on wind instrument pedagogy for music educators who are involved at the Lebanese Band Association of Music (LeBAM). The workshop took place at Notre Dame University in Beirut on Sunday, 17 January and was attended by 47 participants from Lebanon and Jordan.

■ **“Differentiation, Diversity and Gender: Contemporary Approaches in Teaching and Learning Science in Primary School”**

Organized by: Department of Education Sciences, School of Arts and Education Sciences and the STEM Teacher Training Innovation for Gender balance (STING) Research Program
Coordinator: Dr. Loucas Louca
Venue: European University Cyprus
Date: 23 January 2016

As part of the research project STING (STEM Teacher Training Innovation for Gender Balance, Erasmus+ 2014-1-ES01-KA201-003688), a one-day workshop entitled ‘Differentiation, Diversity and Gender: Contemporary Approaches in Teaching and Learning Science in Primary School’ was organized on 23 of January, 2016 by the Research and Learning Laboratory in Science, Mathematics and Social Studies Education. The objective of the workshop was the development and the improvement of teaching skills and experiences of teachers in science teaching, ultimately seeking to promote positive learning attitudes of female students towards STEM education.

■ **Interdisciplinary Lectures Series: Education, Society and Culture: “Language policy in Greek-Cypriot Education from 2008-2013: discourses and practices in policy production”**

Coordinator: Dr. Constadina Charalambous and Dr. Katerina Mavrou
Speaker: Dr. Maria Magklara, Kings College London, U.K.
Venue: Room 208, European University Cyprus
Date: 18 February 2016

The Department of Education Sciences, under the coordination of Dr. Constadina Charalambous (Department of Education Sciences) organized another successful series of seminars on “Education, Culture and Society”. The Spring 2016 term seminars focused on “Issues of Language and Educational Policy: Considerations and Practices” and involved well-known scholars from Cyprus and abroad. The seminars were open to the public and attracted, apart from students, a large number of educators.

■ **“Story-Telling and Mathematic Activities”**

Organized by: Department of Education Sciences, School of Arts and Education Sciences (Early Childhood and Education Lab)
Coordinator: Dr. Chrystalla Papademetri-Kachrimani and Mrs. Marianna Efstathiadou
Venue: Room 116, Early Childhood and Education Lab, European University Cyprus
Date: 29 February 2016

The Early Childhood Education Lab invited to its premises 30 children from the Charoumena Pedakia Private Kindergarden on 29 February 2016. The children participated in a creative story-telling activity and free and structured play activities organized by Dr. Chrystalla Papademetri-Kachrimani and Mrs. Marianna Efstathiadou.

■ **“Interdisciplinary Lectures Series: Education, Society and Culture: “Developmental Dyslexia and language learning”**

Coordinators: Dr. Constadina Charalambous and Dr. Katerina Mavrou
Speaker: Prof. Georgia Andreou, University of Thessaly, Greece
Venue: Room 208, European University Cyprus
Date: 1 March 2016

The Department of Education Sciences, under the coordination of Dr. Constadina Charalambous (Department of Education Sciences) organized another successful series of seminars on “Education, Culture and Society”. The Spring 2016 term seminars focused on “Issues of Language and Educational Policy: Considerations and Practices” and involved well-known scholars from Cyprus and abroad. The seminars were open to the public and attracted, apart from students, a large number of educators.

■ **"Colloquium of the Doctoral Program 'Education Sciences'"**

Coordinator: Dr. Marios Vryonides

Venue: Room 101, European University Cyprus

Date: 26 March 2016

On Saturday 26 March 2016, the School of Arts and Education Sciences organized the fourth Colloquium of the Doctoral Program in Education Sciences entitled "Documentary Analysis and Critical Discourse Analysis". The Colloquium was presented by Dr. Anastasia Liasidou. The Colloquium was attended by many doctoral students (old and new) from all faculties of the University and by faculty members.

■ **"Story-Telling and Mathematic Activities"**

Organized by: Department of Education Sciences, School of Arts and Education Sciences (Early Childhood and Education Lab)

Coordinator: Dr. Chrystalla Papademetri-Kachrimani and Mrs. Marianna Efstathiadou

Venue: Room 116, Early Childhood and Education Lab, European University Cyprus

Date: 29 March 2016

The Early Childhood Education Lab invited to its premises on 29 of March 18 first grade students from the B' Makedonitissa Public Primary School. The children participated in a variety of mathematics activities organized by Dr. Chrystalla Papademetri-Kachrimani in collaboration with Mrs. Andrea Eliadou (PhD candidate, Department of Education Sciences). The event was organized with the participation of the second year and third year Early Childhood Education undergraduate students respectively, and was based on contemporary theories and trends concerning creative learning and play. The event included a tour at the European University Cyprus premises.

■ **"SAyES Research Day" (School of Arts and Education Sciences Research Day)**

Coordinators: Dr Potheini Vaiouli and Dr Yiannis Miralis

Venue: Room 208, European University Cyprus

Date: 30 March 2016

It was with great success that the first graduate student research conference SAyES (School of Arts and Education Sciences) took place at EUC. The aim of the one-day conference was the interaction of students and academic staff, enabling doctoral students and graduate students of the School of Arts and Sciences of Education to share their work and interact on research projects of our programs. Special Thanks to the Dean Dr. Loizos Symeou, the Chairperson Dr. Sophia Hadjipapa and Dr. Yiannis Miralis, Dr. Potheini Vaiouli, and Dr. Georgia Petroudi for their support and contribution to this scientific meeting.

■ **Interdisciplinary Lectures Cycle: "Education, Society and Culture: "Educational Policy and International Interventionism"**

Coordinators: Dr. Constadina Charalambous and Dr. Katerina Mavrou

Speaker: Dr. Aristotelis Zmas, European University Cyprus

Venue: Room 200, European University Cyprus

Date: 6 April 2016

The Department of Education Sciences, under the coordination of Dr. Constadina Charalambous (Department of Education Sciences) organized another successful series of seminars on "Education, Culture and Society". The Spring 2016 term seminars focused on "Issues of Language and Educational Policy: Considerations and Practices" and involved well-known scholars from Cyprus and abroad. The seminars were open to the public and they attracted, apart from students, a large number of educators.

■ **Workshop: "The Art of Storytelling and the Script Writing"**

Coordinator: Ms. Demetra Englezou

Speakers: Mr. Longinos Panagi

Venue: Kalopanagiotis Village

Date: 16 April 2016

It was with great success that the International Motion Festival, Cyprus (IMF) and the Department of Arts of the European University Cyprus organised "The Art of Storytelling and the Script Writing" with Mr. Longinos Panagi, an accomplished journalist and film critic, a one-day experiential workshop that took place in Kalopanagiotis, on 16 April, 2016. The warm, friendly atmosphere fascinated the 35 participants, among which educators, writers, poets, graphic artists, directors, animator who described the seminar as very successful and constructive.

■ **Workshop: “Cypriot Museums: Cultural Landscapes and Memory”**

Coordinator: Dr. Elena Stylianou

Speakers: Dr. Alexandra Mpounia, University of the Aegean, President of ICOM Greece, Dr. Theopisti Stylianou-Lambert, Cyprus Technological University, Dr. Yiannis Toumazis, Nicosia Municipality Art Center, **Frederick** University, Dr. George Papaioannou, Cyprus Open University, Ionian University Museology Lab, Dr. Despo Pilidou, President ICOM Cyprus, Dr. Vagia (Vicky) Karaïskou, Cyprus Open University, Dr. Elena Stylianou, European University Cyprus, Dr. Despo Pasia, University of London

Venue: Nicosia Municipality Art Center

Date: 21 May 2016

The Cultural Studies and Contemporary Arts Lab co-organized the one-day symposium «Cypriot Museums: Cultural Landscapes and Memory» which took place at the Nicosia Municipal Art Center, Associated with Pierides Foundation (NiMAC) on 21 May, 2016, celebrating the International Museum Day. The symposium examined the various narratives constructed in and by different Cypriot museums, and how these impact on collective memory and identity. Dr Elena Stylianou (Department of Arts), Ms. Despo Pasia and Dr. Stalo Antoniou ran a specially designed workshop for educators, relevant to the notion of museum participation.

■ **Workshop: “Robotics through the eyes of students in Cyprus: Games, competitions, creative activities”**

Coordinator: Dr. Loucas Louca

Venue: Cultural Center, European University Cyprus and Microsoft Innovation Center Cyprus, European University Cyprus

Date: 24 and 25 May 2016

As part of the Microsoft Innovation Center educational technology activities, a workshop entitled “Robotics through the eyes of students in Cyprus: Games, competitions, creative activities” was organized on 24 and 25 of May 2016 at European University Cyprus. The workshop was co-organized by the Microsoft Innovation Center, European University Cyprus, Microsoft Cyprus, the Research and Learning Laboratory in Science Mathematics and Social Studies Education, the Cyprus Computer Society, Engino, Grammar School, Creative Learning and Playing Center for Children and Keystone Conferences & Events. The objective of the workshop was to inform students aged 10-14 about the history and development of robotics, to familiarize them with contemporary robots and to practice basic programming and robotics principles through creative activities and games. 650 students from 17 different Primary and Lower Secondary schools attended the workshop. The students had the opportunity to take part in 7 different activities for 120 minutes, while working in small groups.

■ **“The 1st Graphics and Visual Communication Festival in Cyprus”**

Organized by: Department of Arts, School of Arts and Education Sciences (auspices of the Mayor and the Youth Board of Aglantzia)

Coordinator: κα Δήμητρα Εγγλέζου/Ms Demetra Englezou

Speakers: Mr. Philip De Castan, Graphic Designer, Mr. Marinos Kleanthous, Lawyer, Mr. Yiannis Karlopoulos, Graphic Designer, Ms. Demetra Englezou, Graphic Designer, European University Cyprus

Venue: Skali Aglantzias

Date: 29 May 2016

The International Motion Festival of European University Cyprus co-organized along with the llovegraphic.net with a great success the 1st Graphics and Visual Communication Festival in Cyprus. The Festival took place on Sunday 29 May at Skali Aglantzias and was held under the auspices of the Mayor and the Youth Board of Aglantzia. The Festival presented a series of lectures and a presentation of Motion Graphics Films from the 3rd International Motion Festival Cyprus, as well as other events including a lecture by Demetra Englezou (Department of Arts) with the subject “The Motion Graphics”. Among the various events, the festival also hosted a Poster Competition / Motion Design and an exhibition on the subject +κίνηση. Yianna Christophorou (Department of Arts) was a member of the Selection Committee for the Poster Competition.

■ **“Violin and Piano Recital”**

Coordinator: George Christofi, Coordinator of BM Music program of study

Speakers: Ioana Stanescu and Raluca Dobre

Venue: Cultural Center, European University Cyprus

Date: June 2016

As part of the Erasmus Mobility scheme, a Violin and Piano Concert was organized by the “George Enescu” Arts University (Iasi, Romania).

■ **"Entelis Project Living Labs"**
(European Network for Technology Enhanced Learning in an Inclusive Society)

Coordinator: Dr. Katerina Mavrou

Venue: Senate Room, European University Cyprus

Date: 14 June 2016

On 14 June, 2016 the second face-to-face meeting of the Living Labs (LL) in Cyprus was organised at European University Cyprus, in Nicosia, within the ENTELIS Project. The LL employed a hybrid model (on site and virtual meetings) of Structured Dialogic Design. A number of stakeholders participated in the living labs including people with disabilities, service/product providers, academics, and educators. During this conclusive meeting, participants developed a roadmap for bridging the digital divide for people with disabilities of all ages, which together with the work of LL in other EU countries is expected to influence European policy and practice.

■ **Program: "A Day in the European University Cyprus!"**

Coordinator: Dr. Loucas Louca

Venue: European University Cyprus

Date: 14 June 2016

An innovative program for students aged 5-12 years old who participated in Summer Schools, organized by the Microsoft Innovation Center, the Research and Learning Laboratory in Science, Mathematics and Social Studies Education and Early Childhood and Education laboratory. The program was funded by the research project STING (Erasmus+ 2014-1-ES01-KA201-003688). The program aimed to familiarize summer school students with various professions, industries, technologies and areas of educational research through guided tours and creative activities in the following:

- School of Medicine
- School of Law and the Court room
- Department of Information Technology and the University wall with numbers
- Department of Education Sciences and Early Childhood and Education laboratory
- Microsoft Innovation Center
- EUC Library
- Department of Arts

The organization, planning and teaching was conducted by the Research and Learning Laboratory in Science, Mathematics and Social Studies Education. The program ran for six consecutive times during the period 22/06 - 27/07. Each session lasted three hours and the whole program hosted 300 students.

■ **Art Lecture Series: "Praxeis"**

Coordinator: Dr. Elena Stylianou

Speakers: Artists Rinos Stefani and Susan Vargas

Venue: Graphic Design Studios, European University Cyprus

Date: 17 June 2016

Renowned artists Rinos Stefani and Susan Vargas presented their multifaceted work and more specifically their "Praxeis" as they refer to their actions, on 17/06/2016 at the Graphic Design Studios as part of the Art Lecture Series, organized by the Cultural Studies and Contemporary Arts Lab of the Department of Arts. The two artists posed questions on current ecological and social matters, such as the protection of the biodiversity of Akamas, overconsumption, and the destruction of the environment.

■ **Art Lecture Series: "Public Lecture with Aude Barrio"**

Coordinator: Dr. Elena Stylianou

Speaker: Artist Aude Barrio

Venue: Graphic Design Studios, European University Cyprus

Date: 28 June 2016

Visual artist Aude Barrio will present some of her works and in particular those that are linked to sound or music. This includes collaborations with the contemporary music ensemble Batida, composer Brice Catherin and visual artist Barbara Meuli. She will also speak about the publishing house she co-founded with her friends in 2004, Hécatombe. Hécatombe has 6 members who are all authors and editors of their own books. They believe the form and the content of a book are both part of one single process

8.6.2.2. DEPARTMENT OF ARTS

■ **International Event: «Sax Appeal»: Transcontinental Saxophone Quartet Concert» (in collaboration with the University of Cyprus)**

Coordinator: Dr. Yiannis Miralis

Artists: The quarter consisted of Russell Peterson (saxophone soprano, Professor of the Concordia College, USA), Marco Albonetti (saxophone alto, Professor of the Trento Conservatory, Italy), Carrie Koffman (saxophone tenor, Professor of the University of Hartford, USA) and Dr. Yiannis Miralis (saxophone baritone, Associate Professor of the European University Cyprus, Cyprus).

Venue: Axiothea, Cultural Center of the University of Cyprus

Date: 7 September 2015

The quartet offered novel and original sound possibilities with works, which combined elements from jazz, rock, traditional and ethnic music. Dedicated to promoting and developing the saxophone repertoire, the TSQ collaborates closely with Greek and other composers, by ordering and world-widely performing new works by Greek, Cypriot, Italian and American composers. During the concert, the TSQ presented a selection of contemporary and “classical” repertoire, as well as jazz arrangements, from its wide repertoire, which showcased the dynamism and flexibility of the saxophone quartet.

■ **“Christmas Concert, Strovolos Municipality Symphonic Band and EUC”**

Coordinator: Dr Yiannis Miralis

Venue: Strovolos Municipality Theatre

Date: 14 December 2015

The Symphonic Band of Strovolos Municipality in cooperation with European University Cyprus organized a Christmas Concert, which took place on Monday 14 December, 2015 at 7:30pm, at Strovolos Municipal Theatre. During the concert, the choir of European University Cyprus participated under the direction of Angelina Nicolaidou-Spanou accompanied on piano Marios Toubas and the symphonic band of Strovolos Municipality-European University Cyprus under the direction of Dr. Yiannis Miralis.

■ **“Evening Concert of the students of the Music Program of the European University Cyprus”**

Coordinator: Dr. George Christofi

Venue: Cultural Center, European University Cyprus

Date: 16 December 2015

A student concert was successfully organised on 16 December at EUC by the BM program with more than 20 undergraduate participants. The concert that takes place every term aims, on the one hand, to exhibit the work of the students and standard of the Program and, on the other, to offer its students a first-hand experience of a real concert. These concerts also contribute to the island’s musical scene.

■ **“7th Annual Concert Musical Vibes” (Symphonic Band of the European University Cyprus)**

Organized by: Department of Arts, School of Arts and Education Sciences (in collaboration with the MOEC)

Coordinator: Dr Yiannis Miralis

Date: 21 March 2016

The 7th Annual Concert Musical Vibes took place on 21 March 2016. The project is a successful example of partnership between the Ministry of Education and Culture and the Symphonic Band of European University Cyprus for which the conductor is Dr. Yiannis Miralis (Department of Arts). More than 170 students participated in the concert from various public and private schools, as well as local music ensembles including undergraduate students from CUT. All profit from the sale of the tickets went to the Cyprus Anticancer Society.

■ **“Annual exhibition of Graphic Design students”**

Coordinator: Graphic Design Academic personnel

Venue: Graphic Design Studios, European University Cyprus

Date: 15-17 June 2016

The Department of Arts of European University Cyprus organized on 15-17 of June the annual exhibition of Graphic Design students. This year both seniors and other students whose work stood out during the current academic year had the opportunity to present their creative work. Student exhibitions – generally regarded as bastions of experimentation, new thinking and fresh visual approaches – are attracting advertising agencies, prospective students and art lovers.

9 Student Affairs



9.1. STUDENT DISTINCTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

9.1.1. SCHOOL OF SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

■ 2nd Place in the Digital Champion 2016 competition (16 June, 2016)

Our BSc in Computer Engineering students Andreas Pitziolis, Yiannis Hadjiargyrou and George Neokleous, together with their mentor Dr. Konstantinos Katzis, received the 2nd place in the Digital Champion 2016 competition. The event took place on Thursday, 16 June 2016 at the Ministry of Finance. Our students worked hard on this project for the entire academic year. Their invention is effectively a smart device that can be installed in a car and it is capable of detecting movement, measuring temperature and, depending on the conditions, opening or closing the car windows and notifying the user via SMS about the status of the car. This device can be particularly useful in preventing incidents where children are forgotten in the car on a hot day. This is not an unusual scenario since more than 35 child deaths due to heatstroke are recorded every year in the USA alone. This device can also be useful for people who leave / forget their pets in the car.

■ Microsoft Imagine Cup Competition (21 April, 2016)

At the Microsoft Imagine Cup Competition, we had two teams competing: Europark and Ascanio Entertainment. Europark competed in the Innovation Category, while Ascanio competed in the Games Category. Both teams had as mentor Dr. George Christou.

Team Ascanio Entertainment won the first place award at the National competition and now moves into the World Semi-Finals competition in their category. Students that participated were: Mr. George Tziazas, Mr. George Neokleous and Mr. Demetris Markitanis.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SCIENCES

■ Publication titled 'Greek cultural adaption and validation of the Kujala Anterior Knee Pain Scale in patients with patellofemoral pain syndrome' (April 2016)

- Graduate students of Master in Sports Physiotherapy Program
- Dr. Demetris Stasinopoulos, Associated Professor, Coordinator of the Physiotherapy program
- Clinical trainers of the Physiotherapy program, Antonis Constantinou and Areti Cheimonidou

Article for publication titled 'Greek cultural adaption and validation of the Kujala Anterior Knee Pain Scale in patients with patellofemoral pain syndrome' in International Scientific Journal 'Disability and rehabilitation' (impact factor 1,985)

This publication demonstrates the high scientific level of our students, as well as the excellent scientific support that is being offered by the Program Staff.

■ Publication of article titled "Hamstring Strains in Football. Prevention and Rehabilitation Rules. Systematic Review" (May 2016)

MSc Sports Physiotherapy Program

Professor Stergioulas Apostolos, Visiting Professor of Physiotherapy, helped in creating this article.

Student: Mr. Michael Hadjimichael - International Scientific Journal 'Journal of Biology of Exercise' (impact factor 2015 0.987).

■ 11th National Conference on Public Health and Health Services (April 2016)

Graduate students Pantelia Amalia Krikelli, Georgia Skoufi and Dimitris Kasioulis presented in collaboration with their supervisors the following oral presentations:

Pantelia Amalia Krikello, Dr. George Nikolopoulos: Intravenous drug users and members of their social networks access in Medical Care

Georgia Skoufi, Dr. Petros Galanis: Conflict of work and family roles to employees at a rehabilitation center

Dimitris Kasioulis Dr. Dimitris Lamnisos, Dr. Giagkos Lavranos: Exploring the validity of material deprivation indicators in Cyprus

■ 7th National HIV / AIDS Congress, Central European HIV Forum (April 2016)

The graduate student Pantelia Amalia Krikelli and her supervisor Prof. Dr. George Nikolopoulos (Scientific Collaborator, Health Department) presented at the international conference the free announcement:

Pantelia Amalia Krikelli, Dr. George Nikolopoulos: 'Unemployment is associated with syringe sharing among people who inject drugs in Greece'

■ Scientific Journal "Interdisciplinary Health Care" (April 2016)

The student of the Graduate Program of Sports Physiotherapy, Mr. Anastasios Efstratiades published an article titled "The effectiveness of exercise versus arthroscopic surgery of subacromial impingement syndrome of the shoulder".

Dr. Dimitris Stassinopoulos, Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator helped in creating this article.

■ International Scientific Journal 'Journal of Biology of Exercise' (October 2015)

The student of the Graduate Program Sports Physiotherapy Mr. Anastasios Efstratiades published an article titled 'Isometric Contractions Combined with Eccentric Contractions and Stretching Exercises on patient with subacromial impingement syndrome' in the international journal 'Journal of Biology of Exercise' (impact factor 0.72). Mr. Ioannis Mamais (Special Scientist) and Dr. Dimitris Stassinopoulos (Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator) helped in creating this article.

■ World ambulance competition 'CYPRUS EMS APHRODITE RALLY 2015' (17-19 September, 2015)

Students of the Nursing program participated in "CYPRUS EMS APHRODITE RALLY 2015" (World ambulance competition) which was held in Ayia Napa, on 17-19 September 2015. In this competition, the Nursing program participated with 6 teams of our students, of which two of them ranked 2nd and 3rd in the world, in the category of students.

Coordinator: George Charilaou, Supervisor of the Nursing Programs and Laboratories, Program of Nursing

9.1.2. SCHOOL OF LAW

■ **2nd place in the 3rd National Moot Court Contest.**

Organized by ELSA Cyprus, achieved by a team of EUC Students (Alexandros Ntallas, Maria Kanellaki, Ioanna Vousolinou, Georgia Kerouli).

9.1.3. SCHOOL OF ARTS AND EDUCATION SCIENCES

■ **1st prize - competition for a logo design - Symmahia Neon**

Symmahia Neon announced an open competition for the submission of proposals for its logo design. The competition was divided into three phases: In the first phase the logos were evaluated by a special four-member committee appointed by the Steering Group of Symmahia Neon. The logos which qualified for the next phase entered an electronic vote and the winning logo was chosen through public vote. The final phase of the presentation of the competition results and the award was held at a special ceremony on Sunday 13 December 2015 at the offices of "Symmahia Neon". The logo with the first prize, which was won by the EUC Graphic Design student Kontrin Kosmin Tsertel, will be used to cover various Youth Alliance needs (advertisements in newspapers, magazines, banners, websites, printed and electronic registration, letterhead, etc.).

■ **Φεστιβάλ enLive/ LIVE MUSIC IN SILENT FILM: enLive**

On 27, 28 and 29 January 2016, the Pharos Arts Foundation organized the enLive event where a number of cinematic masterpieces of the Silent Era set to original music by contemporary composers. European University Cyprus undergraduate students from the music program: Ms. Katia Takkou, Mr. George Kylilis, Mr. Constantinos Hadjigeorgiou, Ms. Vasiliki Siafaka and Ms. Maria Avraam were invited to compose original music for two of the films under the supervision of Dr. George Christofi (Department of Arts). Music was also performed by students of our School (Ms. Maria Avraam – flute and Ms. Mariza Anastasiades - Soprano) who were piano-accompanied by our special scientist Ms. Annini Tsiouti.

■ **Astucon Conference: Arts and Culture Conference**

The School of Arts and Education Sciences is proud to congratulate their students on being invited to present their research and scientific work at the Academic Student Conference, ASTUCON: Arts and Culture which took place at the University of Cyprus. The conference aimed at promoting a platform for students to share their work/research, connect with other social circles with which they have common interests, thus promoting cooperation between students from different universities. Our undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students from the Music program had the opportunity to present their research and current applications of music education on individuals with special needs (Ms. Rea Efstathiou, Ms. Elena-Maria Polydorou), intercultural education (Ms. Andry Hadjievagelou), music education within the school context (Mr. Giorgos Lambrou), and topics on music history (Ms. Eftichia Kouneni & Ms. Vasiliki Siafaka).

■ **European University Student Wins Logo Competition**

The Cyprus Pedagogical Association conducted a pancyprian competition for the creation of its logo. Mr. Panayiotis Kallis who studies Graphic Design at the European University Cyprus won the first place in the competition. The winning logo depicts an open book illustrating the cutout of a child's face.

9.2. STUDENT EVENTS / STUDENT LIFE / CAREER

■ Workshop (in Civil Procedure) consisting to the educational visit of law students at the Supreme court and the Nicosia District Court

Coordination: Nikos Koulouris, Assistant Professor of Law, EUC, ELSA Cyprus

Participation: Konstantinos Tsimaras

Date: 11 January 2016

The students of the course Civil and Administrative Procedure of both programs of LLB Greek Law and LLB Cypriot Law had the chance to visit the premises of the Supreme Court and the Nicosia District Court and the registrars' offices and to attend court meetings.

■ 3rd Annual Rhetoric Contest 2015 EUC

Organization: School of Law EUC

Event coordinator: Philippe Jougoux

Venue: Auditorium A, EUC

Date: 10 December 2015

The annual rhetoric contest 2015, which was held for the third time at European University Cyprus, was completed with great success. The contest's purpose was to encourage and to promote the development of our law students' communication skills in a playful way. The participants debated various topics related to current affairs, ethics, philosophy and law. The jury was composed of Ms. Theano Mavromoustaki, Attorney-General of the Republic of Cyprus, Mr. Christoforos Dimitriou, lawyer and jurist at the Central Bank of Cyprus, Ms. Christiana Markou, Lecturer at EUC, Mr. Evripidis Rizos, Lecturer at EUC and Mr. Theodore Trokanas, Lecturer at EUC. The organizing committee was composed by Ms. Christiana Markou, Mr. Evripidis Rizos and Mr. Philippe Jougoux, Associate Professor at EUC. The winner of the contest was Nikos Zeniou.

■ Professional Visits to the Grigoriou and Zorbas industries

Students of the Nutrition-Dietetics Program, accompanied by their teacher Dr. Ioannis Kari and their mentor Mrs. Vana Giagkou, visited the Grigoriou B.E. Ltd in Limassol and the Zorbas Bakery Industry in Aradippou.

The professional visits, which are organized with the support of the European University Cyprus Career Center, aim at helping students acquire additional knowledge about the manufacturing process and food preparation, as well as at enabling students to observe the conditions and procedures applicable in a real work environment. During the visits, the students were informed about technological issues relating to meat products, the implementation of quality systems and the HACCP System. In addition, the students were informed about innovations in the production of meat products and the special nutritional products of the Griogoriou B.E. Ltd company.

At the Zorbas Bakery Industry, the students observed the production of bakery, health and dietary products. The students were informed about the implementation of the HACCP System, as well as the objectives of the Foundation "MAZI", which promotes the importance of healthy eating..

■ Memorandum of Understanding Collaboration: Internship Between European University Cyprus and the Housing Finance Corporation

The European University Cyprus Career Center and the Housing Finance Corporation signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 1 June, 2016. The Memorandum, among others, launches an internship program by placing students to various departments of the Banking Agency. Based on this memorandum, the internship program will give students the opportunity to work for a period of eight months in various departments of the Banking Agency, providing supportive work in financial and administrative matters. On behalf of European University Cyprus, the memorandum was signed by Ms. Eleni Markantoni, the Director of Student Affairs, and on behalf of the Housing Finance Corporation the memorandum was signed by Mr. Andreas Georgiou, Deputy General Director. The cooperation of the two organizations will be extended to other strategic pillars thus ensuring the opportunity for young people to have access to and knowledge of the real work environment.

During the meeting, Ms. Markantoni stressed that European University Cyprus draws expertise, best practices and experience from the largest international academic organization Laureate International Universities to which it belongs. The new revolutionary tools that are implemented by the Career Center consist of the electronic platform Simplicity that supports the business needs of organizations, and the psychometric tool, Laureate Professional Assessment Tool (LPA) which develops the professional skills of students.

■ **Designing a Successful Career**

The European University Cyprus Career Center, in collaboration with Baker Tilly Klitou and Partners LTD co-organized a presentation entitled:

Designing a Successful Career: Learn more about Baker Tilly Klitou and Partners LTD Professional Studies Opportunities

The presentation took place on Thursday 10 March 2016 and the speaker, Mr. George Christodoulides HR, Marketing & PR Director, South East Europe, presented several options for securing employment and highlighted how to succeed in an interview.

Furthermore, Mr. Christodoulides analyzed how Baker Tilly Klitou and Partners LTD employees are able to benefit from acquiring a professional title from The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) and The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales (ICAEW).

The Career Seminars are one of the many events held in the framework of organized activities by the European University Cyprus Career Center in an effort to inform students on subjects directly related to their employability.

■ **Presentation of the New Internship Model: SmartPractice from the European University Cyprus Career Center**

The European University Cyprus Career Center organized two workshops on 3 October, and on 9 November, 2016, with students and companies, for the presentation of the new internship model «Smart Practice», which is funded by the European Commission under the Erasmus+ KA2 Strategic Partnership program.

The aim of the workshops was to receive feedback from both the student and the business community. The new Smart Practice model focuses on multidisciplinary treatment of internship opportunities, using three stages of work experience and creating in that way conditions for the development of innovation and entrepreneurship.

The feedback was very positive and constructive. The European University Cyprus Career Center will proceed to the pilot testing of the SMART Practice model soon, in cooperation with the EY and the Cyprus Anti-Drugs Council.

Representatives from a number of local businesses participated in the focus group, such as FFG Cyprus, Central Bank of Cyprus, IMH, Materia Group, Cube Audit Ltd, EY, Baker Tilly, Media Box, Hope for Children, Huarrei Technologies, Romico Trading Ltd, Cyprus Anti-Drugs Council.

■ **Successful Conclusion of the Internship Program 2016, organized by the European University Cyprus Career Center**

The European University Cyprus Career Center congratulates the 26 students who successfully completed the internship program organized for the 18th consecutive year. Through the program, students were placed for internships from the following disciplines: Arts, Marketing, Management, Accounting, Finance, IT and Law. European University Cyprus simultaneously offers 13 other academic internship programs that are integrated into the curricula.

The Internship Program allowed students to combine experience and knowledge, since all internees were placed in positions that relate to their fields of study, thus enriching and deepening their knowledge on their subjects. The experience in the workplace ensures the assimilation of the required skills that will assist graduates to excel in their career path. It is noteworthy that four students have received full time employment proposals, which they have accepted.

The organizations involved in the project were: Central Bank of Cyprus, Housing Finance Corporation, EYCyprus, CUBE LTD AUDIT, Panayiotis Soteriou Auditors, MTN, CYTA, Advertising Company Gnomi, MediaBoxLtd, NP Lanitis Ltd, PinkPaster, HMI & PartnersLtd, FolliFollie Cyprus LTD, ReandaCyprusLtd.

■ **The Applied Psychology and Personal Development Center of the European University Cyprus and the Cyprus Playwrights Union presented - Events of the Soul: "A Cypriot Woman – A Woman of the World"**

Every year the events organized by the Applied Psychology and Personal Development Center of European University Cyprus and the Cyprus Playwrights Union are a record-breaking success. This annual event, the fifth in its series, dealt with the life and work of Anastasia Kramvi, born in Akanthou (1900-1998) and attended the Girls School of Faneromeni. She then attended the Kindergarten School of Athens. She continued her studies in the Gymnastics School of Athens and became the first Cypriot gymnast graduate. She returned to Akanthou and in 1925 she accepted a position in Serres, where she taught at the city Girls School. In 1951, she attended, with a scholarship, graduate courses in gymnastics and physiotherapy in London and in Stockholm. During the Greek-Italian war, she served as a volunteer nurse in the mobile surgeons of the Greek Red Cross and various other military hospitals. Anastasia Kramvi offered, as "erythrostavritissa" ("red cross woman"), hospital services during the Civil War, and in First Aid Stations for many decades.

Introductory welcome messages from the Mayor of Akanthous, Mr. Savvas Savvides and Mr. Paulos Georgiades, President of the Cyprus Federation of Mountaineering and Sport Climbing, and a message from the President of the Red Cross of Thessaloniki were read before the theatrical event "From Collective Heritage to Private Creation", written by Dr. Antonia Koliarakis, Coordinator, KEPSYPA of European University Cyprus.

The musical event was edited by Aggeliki Preza and the teenager Panagia Hadjivasileiou sang the song "En Lefko". Students, members of KEPSYPA, participated in the play.

An emotional moment was when Mrs. Chrisoula Simeonidou shared a personal testimony and recounted how Anastasia Kramvi was strongly characterised by her volunteering convictions, as well as her profound love for the country and its nature.

A second drama entitled "The March of an Un-Subjected Soul", adapted by Despo Konizou Loizia and directed by Xenios Xenofontos, presented the life and work of Anastasia Kramvi and received a standing ovation from the audience. The Dance Club of European University Cyprus presented a Greek dance program. The evening ended with the presentation of awards of the Theater Contest and the announcement of the new Theatrical contest.

The event was sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs of European University Cyprus, CYBC, Akanthous Municipality, the Cyprus Federation of Mountaineering and Sport Climbing and the "Senexelixi" Association.

■ **Graduation Ceremony: School of Business Administration, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, School of Arts and Education Sciences - 29 June 2016**

In the presence of Costas Kadis, the Minister of Education and Culture, European University Cyprus held the graduation ceremony of the Schools of "Business Administration", "Humanities and Social Sciences" and "Arts and Education Sciences". During the ceremony, 272 undergraduate and graduate degrees were awarded from the total of 693 graduates of the class of 2016. Along with their degrees, outstanding students and valedictorians were recognized and awarded from each School.

In his speech, the Managing Director of the University Dr. Christoforos Hadjikyprianou told graduates to remain active members "in the family of the largest university organization in the world, the Laureate International Universities, in which European University Cyprus is a member since 2011. Globally, Laureate consisting of 80 universities in 28 countries attended by over one million students and operating 21 Centers of Excellence. European University Cyprus is the largest non-governmental University in Cyprus.". On his part, the Rector, Professor Kostas Gouliamos said that "...we have succeeded because of:

- our graduates who stand out for their high academic background and character,
- our degrees that are widely recognized in the European and international labor market,
- our academic environment that achieves high culture and aesthetics, while respecting the freedom of thought and speech and goal orientation to excellence,
- our organization that contributes - utilising its close association with society and industry - to the development of the economy and to solving societal problems.

... It is not a coincidence that 77% of our students have found work within six months after their graduation. This is an important and unique achievement for our country (and not only)."

It is worth noting that Mr. Chryso Konstantinou, a Psychology graduate with the highest GPA, 3.99, gave an emotional speech.

After the graduation ceremony, a reception was held at the University premises.

■ **Graduation Ceremony: School of Science, School of Law, June 30, 2016**

On Thursday night, 30 June, European University Cyprus held its Graduation Ceremony for the School of Science and the School of Law. During the ceremony 421 undergraduate and graduate degrees were awarded from the total of 693 graduates of the class of 2016. Along with their degrees, outstanding students and valedictorians were recognized and awarded from each School.

In his speech, the Managing Director of European University Cyprus, Dr. Christoforos Hadjikyprianou said that “in a highly competitive environment where quality and innovation are becoming primary catalysts for a sustainable economic development, our university, has managed to improve education and research. The family of European University Cyprus expands every year and is enriched by the activities and successes of its graduates.” The Rector of European University Cyprus, Professor Kostas Gouliamos, said that “our University now ranks among global five-star top and historical universities, according to the evaluation index conducted by the leading international organization QS Top Universities Group ... The University was also accredited about three months ago by the U-Multirank, a European Commission association, which is a new multi-dimensional international university ranking system ... I am at the same time, obliged to highlight the number of European research projects undertaken through competitions by a number of professors of European University Cyprus, which places us as the top non-governmental institution in applied research.”

Both the Managing Director and the Rector mentioned Laureate International Universities, the world’s largest giant in the higher education sector. European University Cyprus belongs entirely to Laureate since 2011. Globally, Laureate consists of 80 universities in 28 countries, is attended by over one million students and operates 21 Centers of Excellence. European University Cyprus is awarded with four stars’ classification by the most reliable evaluation and certification organization of quality in the world, the QS STARS.

The valedictorian, a graduate of the Dietetics-Nutrition program, Ms. Marilena Christodoulou, with a GPA of 3.99, the highest one of the schools, gave an emotional speech.

After the graduation ceremony, a reception was held at the University premises.

■ **“The Occupation of the Internal Auditor - Opportunities and Employment Sectors”**

The European University Cyprus Career Center organized the presentation entitled “The Occupation of the Internal Auditor - Opportunities and Employment Sectors.” Mr. Costas Melanides, Administrative Officer of the Cyprus Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA Cyprus), presented to European University Cyprus students the profession of the Internal Auditor.

Mr. Melanides explained that the Cyprus Institute of Internal Auditors was established in 1998 and currently has 560 registered members. It is a member of the Global Institute of Internal Auditors and of the European Confederation of Institutes of Internal Auditing (ECIIA). It is governed by an elected board of ten members. It organizes annually a training program covering various issues concerning the profession. Members and non-members of the Association can attend these training courses. In addition, it promotes the professional qualifications of certified Internal Auditors (CIA), which are recognized as the leading professional training for internal auditors worldwide.

The presentation included the key concepts of the profession of internal audit, worldwide guidelines and rules set by IIA for the profession, through the official International Professional Standards and Code of Ethics. Moreover, the main tasks were analyzed, responsibilities, obligations and responsibilities of the internal auditor, while presenting numerous examples to the students. Particular emphasis was given to three types of audits conducted by internal auditors and again using practical examples.

At the end of the presentation, a significant number of students showed keen interest and asked questions for the employment opportunities in the internal audit field.

9.3. EMPLOYABILITY

■ 17th Career Exhibition

Job positions and participations in internship programs were secured by the 17th Internship & Career Exhibition for the students of European University Cyprus.

The Exhibition strengthens communication between graduates and Employment and Training Agencies that operate in the Cypriot labor market.

The event was organized by the European University Cyprus Career Center, which prepares students and graduates of the university for successful job market entry and strives to increase employability skills through internships. The event took place at the European University Cyprus Cultural Center, with the participation of 55 companies and organizations from all sectors of the economy and managed to attract hundreds of young people. Students and graduates of European University Cyprus were informed about the new trends in the labor market, completed applications and secured internship placements.

In her message to students, the Minister of Labour, stated that “youth unemployment is an extremely important problem... Only through cooperation and commitment from all the involved Agencies, shall we be able to integrate the largest possible number of our unemployed youth into the labor market.” On the other hand, the Director of the Office of Student Affairs, Mr. Eleni Markantoni said that “the current Exhibition consolidates the link of labor market with the student community of European University Cyprus. The European University Career Center was a pioneer when it first organized the Career Exhibition in Cyprus 20 years ago, as well as the Internship Program, which the Center offers annually for the last 18 years. Our university is very proud of the 17 different internships programs it offers.”

■ European Companies present pioneering services and technology

European University Cyprus welcomed in its premises Primary Education teachers, partners of the project “De-Schooling in School: Re-shaping School Practices to Bring Motivation, Grit and Choice in Disadvantaged Youth Learning.” The project is part of Basic Action 2 funded by the European Union under the Erasmus+ Program. Eurosuccess Consulting and seven organizations from four European countries participated with their own knowledge and expertise for the completion of this innovative project. The visit at European University Cyprus aimed in informing and exposing companies to pioneering services and technologies.

A tour took place at the Microsoft Innovation Center, where Mrs. Valia Constantinidou, Administrative Officer of the Center, explained to the teachers how the advanced technologies contribute to children’s learning of all ages with a creative and innovative way.

The partners then attended the presentation of the Career Center, where they were informed about the work and services of the Center with special emphasis on developmental tools and employability. Additionally, new professional approaches were presented and innovative methods which contribute to developing skills and competencies required for the labor market. Emphasis was also given to the dissemination of best practices, which result to knowledge enhancement and preparation of young graduates for the labor market.

■ European University Cyprus Career Center – Presentation: Employment opportunities at NHS

The European University Cyprus Career Center hosted on Friday, 15 April, 2016, representatives of the EURES office, who presented employment opportunities at the National Health System of England (NHS) in England and Wales. The immediate needs of NHS staff are for 300 doctors and 6,000 nurses. In her presentation, Ms. Silia Papa focused on the selection criteria for the candidates, and underlined that the personal interviews can be held in Cyprus, provided that there is an interest from a group of graduates.

All vacancies were for direct recruitment. Furthermore, she informed students that all candidates who will be selected for the Nursing positions will have at their disposal a consultant while in England for a period of two months in order to adapt to the new work environment. Ms. Papa also analyzed to the Medical School students, the specialties of medicine for which most interest was shown and subsequently answered candidates’ questions.

Finally, during the presentation, details were provided regarding both the salary scales and the benefits package. The European University Cyprus Career Center will support candidates for the application process and will keep open communication channels with the EURES Offices until the final placement of the candidates. European University Cyprus candidates have been employed last year in England, Germany and Canada through the assistance of the Career Center.

■ **New Electronic Platform connecting Graduates with the labor market by the European University Cyprus Career Center**

A powerful new tool is now available for the students and graduates of European University Cyprus! The European University Cyprus Career Center has launched the CSM platform (Career System Manager). The platform will connect the students and graduates who are looking for a job, with employers, while providing a plethora of tools for their preparation for successfully entry in the labor market. The platform allows the Career Center to effectively manage all aspects of the platform's services, including, job announcements, recruitment metrics, alumni surveys, designing CVs and much more. The CSM platform also gives the user the opportunity to quickly search for companies, book appointments for vocational counseling, and assists in the management of the students' Internship Program, as well as allowing for the programming and targeting of workshops and seminars.

Additionally, CSM assists employers in discreetly searching for candidates using key words, (for example: qualifications, skills). The platform consists of company data for 1,369 local businesses and 742,875 companies worldwide. Over 976 students and graduates have created a profile and a number of companies are exploring the potentials of the platform.

European University Cyprus Career Center is distinguished for its leadership as demonstrated by the 4-stars accredited to European University Cyprus in the category Employability by the independent and authoritative body of University Assessments QSTopUniversities (QSStars).

■ **17th Annual Internship and Career Exhibition**

The European University Cyprus Career Center, which is committed to its mission to prepare the students and graduates of the University for successful entry in the employment market and for developing employability skills through internships, organized the 17th Annual Internship and Career Exhibition, on Wednesday, 6 April, 2016 at the Cultural Center of European University Cyprus. 55 companies and organizations from all sectors of the Cypriot economy participated in the Exhibition.

During the Exhibition, the students had the opportunity to learn about the trends of the labor market, to apply for job vacancies, as well as to ensure placements for internships, an important factor for the improvement of their skills and for a successful professional career path.

■ **Vacancies for European University Cyprus Students**

The European University Cyprus Career Center and PHC Cyprus organized an information stand at the cafeteria of European University Cyprus on 9 November.

Representatives of PHC Cyprus informed the students about job vacancies, both for part time and full time positions. The students showed keen interest and PHC Cyprus received a number of job applications.

This was another event organized by the European University Cyprus Career Center, which supports youth employability and enables young students to gain work experience.

■ **Presentation for vacancies in Sat-7**

The European University Cyprus Career Center organized a presentation to promote job opportunities. Representatives of the company Sat-7 visited European University Cyprus on Monday, 19 December, 2016 and informed students about job vacancies.

Students submitted their CVs and explored employment opportunities offered in the fields of:

- 1) Business & Social Science
- 2) IT
- 3) Accounting

A large number of graduates attended the presentation.

■ LPA – How European University Cyprus enhances Employability

European University Cyprus fosters competencies and skills necessary in the professional environment and through a multidisciplinary approach enhances the students' development of innovative and entrepreneurial behavior. One of the resources added to the arsenal of every graduate is the important tool LPA.

The LPA (Laureate Professional Assessment) Certificate is the first of its kind in Europe, and it has been created by the Laureate International Universities and European University Cyprus. It has been specifically designed in order to enhance the employability possibilities of the University's graduates. This initiative is a practical approach to understanding the needs of employers, while allowing students to present their academic qualifications and skills to the labor market. Thus, the LPA assesses interpersonal skills and enables the employer to understand, not only the academic background, but also the personality of each candidate.

After an analytic research of the labor market in Cyprus and of all continents, a range of skills have been selected which employers consider as the most necessary for success in today's competitive environment. 10,000 real scenarios were then collected, which occurred in companies and organizations from around the world, and a special committee evaluated and selected 1,000 cases which were used for the creation of the psychometric tool LPA.

The innovative LPA tool certifies the level of each graduate and allows employers to view the performance of the graduate in the following key skills: Adaptability, Teamwork, Communication and Written Skills, Ability to Apply Knowledge, Autonomous Learning, Leadership Skills, Global vision, Entrepreneurship, Design and Management, Excitement and Passion.

This independent evaluation has a dual role. On the one hand, it offers an international and authoritative assessment of these transversal skills, and on the other hand, it enhances the graduates' personality and indicates points of improvement.

The LPA certificate consists of three forms:

- **The LPAQ** - A psychometric tool, which assesses eight competences which have been identified by the labor market as the most sought after. Upon completion, each graduate will receive a personalized report, which will certify the skills acquired during their studies at European University Cyprus.
- **Value Added Report** - The report describes non-academic activities and experiences of the graduate, which he/she gained during his/her studies at European University Cyprus, such as participation in conferences, Erasmus experiences, charitable events, internships, participation in festivals etc.
- **Academic Transcript**

The labor market was very positive and expressive on how the LPA facilitates the selection process by indicating talents. The LPA enables graduates to view both their skills and areas of improvement.

■ The Global Employment Law Challenge 2016

European University Cyprus in association with the Federation of International Employers, organized the "Global Employment Law Challenge, 2016", a competition that aimed to introduce students enrolled in the undergraduate LLB programme of European University Cyprus, to in-depth research on Employment Law in various jurisdictions.

The Challenge:

Students were granted access to FedEE's knowledgebase available only to corporate members. Each student was assigned a jurisdiction of his choice under the 60+ jurisdictions available in the FedEE knowledgebase. Students had scanned through the available information found on the knowledgebase and track the information that is: i) factually incorrect, and/or ii) outdated and/or iii) insufficient and/or iv) ambiguous or unclear and/or wrongly categorized.

Prizes:

The student with the best academic performance received the Employment Law Challenge Trophy and a prize equal to the tuition paid for the course, as well as a paid internship in Cyprus with the Federation of International Employers during the summer of 2017.

Award(s) were given also to two students for exceptional efforts (merit) composed of €200 and a medal each. Names of the first three winners were published in the Universities' website.

All students who successfully completed the challenge received a certificate of participation from FedEE and European University Cyprus.

■ **European University Cyprus receives approval for two European programs**

The National Agency of European Programs in Cyprus has approved the following two European projects in which the European University Cyprus Career Center participates:

A. Smart Practice

B. European Union for Youth - From Theory to Action" (Act EU Youth)

The two projects have a duration of 24 months and target groups respectively young people of the ages 17-30, enterprises and Universities.

A. Smart Practice

The program focuses on:

- Strengthening the entrepreneurial skills of young people
- Strengthening multiple competencies
- Preparation for successful integration of young people to the labor market
- Support innovation

The objectives of the program are:

1. To contribute in a way in which theoretical knowledge and student experience are reflected in the reality of the working environment, while providing appropriate employability skills.
2. The development of a new framework of actions and indicators through a methodological approach for the internships of students based on the principles of interdisciplinary, teamwork, integration of best practices and strengthening cooperation between Higher Education institutions and the business world.

The joint venture of the project consists of six bodies, four universities and two companies in four European countries - Lithuania, Finland, Ireland and Cyprus. The project findings will be the result of sectoral cooperation in an international environment. It is expected that the involvement of universities with companies will promote the building of bridges of communication and cooperation, while exchanging knowledge between theory and practice.

B. European Union for Youth - From Theory to Action (Act EU Youth)

Major objectives of the program:

1. Promote employability, developing entrepreneurial attitudes and expansion of subjects interesting to youth, while upgrading and reinforcing their skills. This will lead to the development of innovation skills and to the strengthening of their innovative activity within organizations.
2. European Higher Education institutions collaborate with the business world, while participating in a partnership of different entities. Also, ensuring a fruitful exchange of knowledge and experience between the business and academic community, while developing together innovative learning tools that will effectively respond to the current and future needs of the labor market.

The ActYouth EU project is expected to have a profound impact in the partner countries and in the rest of the EU, providing the tools and materials for the further transfer of knowledge to other EU countries and their institutions. Furthermore, all the main products of the project, the development of tools to assess the skills and simulation to obtain the company's decisions, training packages per jurisdiction / category (student, academic, manager) should have a positive impact on improving growth and creating more jobs, a dynamic which is in line with Europe's growth strategy for the next decade for "smart, sustainable and inclusive growth".

In the aforementioned European Projects, the following partners were also involved:

• G.G. EUROSUCCESS CONSULTING LTD (Lead Applicant) • UNIVERSIDADE DE AVEIRO • OIC Poland Foundation
 • VYTAUTO DIDZIOJO UNIVERSITETAS • KAUNAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INDUSTRY AND CRAFTS (Lead Applicant) • VYTAUTO DIDZIOJO UNIVERSITETAS, • LAPIN AMMATTIKORKEAKOULU OY • UNIVERSITA DEGLI STUDI DI VERONA

■ European Program: Entrepreneurial Youth- EU Youth: From Theory to Action ActYouth EU

"From Theory to Action – ActYouth EU" is a European project funded by the European Commission under the Erasmus+. The vision of the project is to create a system that will identify, evaluate and develop horizontal skills and particular business skills, such as initiative and creativity of young people, students and graduates.

The underlying aim of the program is the improvement of higher education and the targeting of a smart, sustainable and comprehensive development in the fields of:

- Youth on the Move,
- Digital Agenda for Europe,
- Skills for jobs,
- The Entrepreneurship Action Plan 2020

ActYouthEU is the result of a newly formed strategic partnership of five organizations from four European countries (Cyprus, Poland, Lithuania, and Portugal). The participating organizations are the Eurosuccess Consulting organization (who is the project coordinator), European University Cyprus, the University of Aveiro in Portugal, OIC Poland Foundation Foundation in Poland and the Vyatus Magnus University in Lithuania. The program has a duration of 24 months from 1 October 2015 to 1 October 2017

The main short-term objective of ActYouthEU is to create a structured and analytical methodology and to provide appropriate "tools" for trainer and academic Agencies who undertake the improvement of horizontal and entrepreneurial skills among young people. The skills the students will gain (or improve) will have a positive effect in their effort to find work, strengthening in this way European competitiveness and social cohesion.

It is expected to create: an ICS tool (Information and Communication Sector), a virtual simulation company game to aid student manage a company, and training packages for each competency (both for students / graduates and for educators / academics).



9.4. ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

■ Direct Support for Professional and Business Development of graduates of European University Cyprus and Cyprus College from the Microsoft Innovation Center

On Wednesday, 10 February, 2016, European University Cyprus and Cyprus College graduates had the chance to be toured around the Microsoft Innovation Center premises, where they were introduced to innovative technologies, applications and Cloud Systems available at the Center. The facilities, networks, and other services of the Center, are available to the graduates of European University Cyprus and Cyprus College for the development, innovation and support of start-ups.

The graduates explored various possibilities and uses of the services and facilities of the Center, while at the same time, they had the opportunity to discuss applications of advanced technologies such as the holographic technology.

The general observation of all alumni who attended the event was that the strategic partnership between European University Cyprus and Microsoft to create the Microsoft Innovation Center, actively implements the development of entrepreneurship and provides direct support to the graduates by exploring synergies and new innovative practices which assist in the further development of their businesses.

■ Annual Awards: "European University Cyprus & Cyprus College Microsoft Innovation Center Alumni Awards 2016"

In an emotional and festive atmosphere, the European University Cyprus and Cyprus College Alumni Association announced its annual awards: "European University Cyprus & Cyprus College Microsoft Innovation Center Alumni Awards 2016." The main aim of European University Cyprus is to recognize and reward the achievements of alumni, and to award two scholarships from the Alumni Scholarship Fund.

Over 500 members of the Association attended the event in order to reward graduates excelling on a personal and professional level. The list of successful graduates was quite large, which made the work of the selection panel particularly difficult.

- The award "Alumni of the Year" went to Mrs. Christiana Pisia Pierouli, Assistant Director in Primary Education.
- The award "Alumni Business of the Year" went to Mr. Neboja Petridis, General Director of FFGroup
- The award "Entrepreneurship and Innovation" went to Mr. Aristos Aristidou, General Manager of the company Dacor
- The award "Female Entrepreneurship" went to Mrs. Anna Manoli, Business Consultant at FileFinders
- The Honorary Award for Sport Promotion went to the manager and coach of the European University Cyprus Basketball team "Warriors", Mr. Andreas Kokkinos
- The Honorary Award of Educational Promotion went to former Lyceum Principal Kyriakos Neocleous, who managed to affect thousands of Nicosia residents as their teacher, director and mentor.

The Association also awarded two scholarships worth of €22,500 to a freshman student and a current student. The Scholarships were kindly granted to the Alumni Association by European University Cyprus.

In his speech, the President of the Association, Mr. Yiannos Spyrou announced that "we are in the final strait for the creation of a fully updated Business Alumni Guide (Business Directory), that we believe, will assist in the dynamic networking, ultimately leading to the mutual aid and mutual support of our members". Finally, he thanked European University Cyprus, Microsoft and the media sponsor, the newspaper "Kathimerini".

The Managing Director of European University Cyprus, Dr. Christoforos Hadjikyprianou, thanked the Association for its active role and multiple actions, while noting that European University Cyprus belongs to the largest international university network, Laureate International Universities, consisting of 80 universities in 29 countries worldwide, attended by over one million students, operating 21 Centers of Excellence in the fields of Medicine and Health Sciences.

After the Award Ceremony, the Association hosted a gala dinner for its members.

9.5. UNIVERSITY SPORTS

European University Cyprus has participated for another year in the Championships organized by the Cyprus University Sports Federation. These tournaments provide an excellent opportunity for all students to exercise and escape from the daily routine of their studies through their participation as active members of the different teams or individual sports. Many of our students had the opportunity to participate in sports they like, recording several important successes throughout the year.

ACHIEVEMENTS 2015/16:



■ Handball Men's 1st place



■ Basketball Women's 3rd place



■ Basketball Men's 2nd place



■ Basketball Women's 3rd place



■ Volleyball Men's 2nd place



■ Volleyball Women's 2nd place



■ Tennis Men's team 2nd place



■ Tennis Women's team 2nd position

- Cross-country Men's team 1st place,
Cross-country Women's team 1st place.

- Table tennis Single Men 3rd place –
Andros Kipridemos

- Badminton Single Men 2nd place –
Thomas Anastasiades

- Judo Men's 81kg 2nd place – Michael Klitou

WORLD UNIVERSITY EVENTS:

■ **13th FISU FORUM - Montpellier France 2016:**

Our student Andreas Diamantis (champion in canoe kayak) has been selected to represent the Cyprus University Sports Federation at the 13th World Congress of FISU organized in France. Every two years the FISU Congress brings together students, employees, members of FISU and other key partners involved in the development/progress of the University Sports federations. This community has attended the FISU Congress to gather useful information for University Sports, create international networks through intercultural learning and also enhance student engagement in Sports. This particular student of our University was chosen by our Federation among many prospective candidates from all universities in Cyprus.

■ **6th World University Shooting Championships - 2016 BYDGOSZCZ – POLAND 2016:**

Our student Andreas Makris represented the Cyprus National University Shooting Team at the 6th World University Shooting Championships, which took place at Bydgoszcz (Poland), winning the 2nd place at Men's team and 2nd place at Single Men's trap.

HANDBALL CHAMPIONSHIP:

Our University has participated this year as well in the Handball Championship organized by the Cyprus Handball Federation.

Distinctions:

- Men's Championship: 1st place, Cup winners, Super Cup winners.
- Under 19: 2nd place, Cup finalist.
- Under 17: 4th place.
- Beach Handball Men: 1st place.
- Beach Handball Men Under17: 2nd place.
- Beach Handball Men Under15: 2nd place.

10 University Activities – Social Contribution / Responsibility



The social contribution activities of the University are aimed at supporting and helping our fellow citizens (pupils, students, colleagues, citizens) in need, at protecting the environment, and at the enlightenment and spiritual awakening of citizens in crucial social (and other) issues.

10.1. SCHOOL OF SCIENCES

■ **“Important Discovery against Breast Cancer” (September 2015)**

Head Group Researcher: Dr. Panagiotis Papagiorgis, Assistant Professor of Biology, Department of Life Sciences, European University Cyprus

Researchers of the Department of Biological Sciences of the University of Cyprus in collaboration with researchers from the Boston University School of Medicine (BUSM) have progressed in an important discovery against breast cancer, which can offer in the future a new “goal” under a new formula of medication therapies for this disease.

The researchers have discovered a new gene target, which gives hope to construct more effective medicines for the prevention and treatment of metastatic breast cancer.

■ **«Health and Prevention» program by ExxonMobil (2015-16)**

The social responsibility program “Health and Prevention” is operating since 2008 and is aimed at the development of the mobile health care unit “Health Care Esso”. The program is implemented under the auspices of the Ministry of Health and supported scientifically by the students of the Nursing Program of European University Cyprus. The tests are done on Saturdays at Esso stations across Cyprus. The unit provides free preventive tests of blood sugar, cholesterol and blood pressure. The aim of this action is to emphasize prevention, so that those who receive test results that deviate from the permissible are encouraged to visit their doctor for further tests.

This free testing and prevention measure strives to improve the health and well-being of the population of Cyprus.

Coordinator: Dr. Maria Leonidou, Lecturer, Medicine, Department of Health Sciences, European University Cyprus

■ **"Fuel Finder CY" (October 2015)**

The Mobile Computing Research Center of European University of Cyprus announces the launch of the application "Fuel Finder CY" for iPhone and iPad. The application "Fuel Finder CY" is a cheap fuel finder guide to Cyprus. Our application helps the user, among others, to perform the following tasks:

1. to find the cheapest gas stations within a varying radius of the user's position
2. to be aware of the fluctuations of fuel prices
3. to view the fuel prices by district, region or fuel company

Fuel prices for each station are updated on a daily basis. This means that with just a tap the user can download them from the Internet to his/her device, where they are permanently saved. Consequently, the user does not need a continuous Internet connection to be able to use the application effectively.

The implementation of the "Fuel Finder CY" is an example of how our Research Center can help the society, but also a successful example of cooperation between the academic and the public sector. More specifically, it was created in close cooperation with the Ministry of Energy, Trade, Industry and Tourism as the Information Department of the State, which makes it technically possible to receive the latest fuel prices.

The Mobile Computing Research Center is committed to the continuous evolution of the application and the integration of technologies arising from research work conducted at the Center, such as the possibility of proposing cheap gas stations along the user's usual routes.

Coordinator: Dr, George Stylianou, Assistant Professor, Computer Science, European University Cyprus

■ **Hellenic Bank "Running Under the Moon" (October 2015)**

Participants:

Antonis Constantinou, Clinical Physiotherapy Program Instructor

Areti Cheimonidou, Clinical Physiotherapy Program Instructor

Provision of physiotherapy services by students of the Physiotherapy program, European University Cyprus

■ **Measurements of Blood Pressure and sugar tests (5 October 2015)**

Department of Health Sciences / Nursing Program /

Christou Steliou Ioannou Foundation / Pancyprian Diabetic Association

Measurements of Blood Pressure and sugar tests took place at the premises of "Christou Steliou Ioannou Foundation" by students of the Nursing program.

Coordinator: George Charilaou, Supervisor of the Nursing Programs and Laboratories

■ **Support of Blood Donation event (4 November 2015)**

Members of the Department that supported Blood Donation:

Dr. Christos Dimopoulos, Dean of the School of Sciences, Associate Professor, Computer Science and Engineering, European University Cyprus

Dr, George Christou, Assistant Professor, Computer Science, Chair of Computer Science and Engineering Department, European University Cyprus

Pericles Leng-Cheng, Instructor, Computer Science, European University Cyprus

European University Cyprus' Cafeteria

■ **Music charity event "THE MUSE OF MY HEART" (10 November 2015)**

Profits given to the Children's Hospital of the Cyprus Red Cross "STELLA SOULIOTI".

Coordinator/Poetry: Dr. Mary Eleftheriadou, Associate Professor, Microbiology, Department of Life Sciences

Strovolos Municipality' theatre

■ **Collection of bottle caps for supporting people with health problems (November-December 2015)**

Cooperation with the “Antirheumatic Association of Cyprus”

Coordinator: George Charilaou, Supervisor of the Nursing Programs and Laboratories.

Collection of bottle caps for supporting people with health problems.

■ **“Children’s Christmas party” (December 2015)**

Coordinator: Dr. Maria Christopoulou, Assistant Professor in Leadership and Management in Education

The aim was the financial support of the Center for Spastic and Disabled Children of “Anemone” and the Cyprus Association for people with Autism. The party was organized by the students of the Language and Speech Therapy Program.

Hall of the Cultural Center, European University Cyprus.

■ **“Enchanting Preventive program for early intervention” (January 2016)**

Coordinator: Dr. Maria Prodromou, Lecturer, Nursing

Creating a collaboration agreement between the European University Cyprus, the Cyprus Sports Organization and the Cyprus Anti-Drugs Council on the implementation of a funded preventive and support program for children of ages 8 to 15 who belong to the vulnerable groups.

January 2016

■ **Screening Tests on EU day 2016 (6 March 2016)**

Within the framework of the European Week of Language and Speech Therapy, the Language and Speech Therapy Program of European University of Cyprus in collaboration with the Training Team C.P.L.O.L. and the Cyprus Organizing Committee for the European Day of Language and Speech Therapy, offered on Sunday, 6 March, 2016, from 13:00 to 17:00, free examinations on speech-language to preschool age children (aged 2-6).

Venue: Clinics of Speech and Hearing at the premises of European University Cyprus.

■ **“ANTI-DOPING AND SUPPLEMENTS” (9 April 2016)**

Organizers: Sailing Club (Limassol, Mesa Geitonia), Cyprus Anti-Doping Authority

Speaker: Dr. Anastasios Theodorou, Lecturer, Biology of Exercise, Co-coordinator of Sport Science and Physical Education program

Cultural Center of the Limassol Municipality (Mesa Geitonias)

■ **Antiterrorist exercise ‘Thetis 2016’ (10 May 2016)**

Organized by the Ambulance Service of the Ministry of Health and the Cyprus Police

Coordinator: George Charilaou, Supervisor of the Nursing Programs and Laboratories

Nursing students participated in the anti-terrorist exercise of the Ambulance Service of the Ministry of Health and the Cyprus Police.

■ **“Pancyprian Beach Soccer” (June 2016)**

Coordinator: Panagiotis Rentzias, Clinical Trainer of Physiotherapy Program

Provision of physiotherapy services by students of the Physiotherapy program at the Pancyprian Beach Soccer.

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10.2. CYPRIOT-GREEK CONFERENCE OF CAREER GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING 2015

The Cypriot-Greek Conference is an annual conference, which aims to train professional career counsellors in Cyprus and Greece. The conference is co-organized by the Department of Career Counselling and Educational Services of the Ministry of Education and Culture of Cyprus, European University Cyprus and the Research and Evaluation Center in Professional Counselling of the Department of Psychology of the University of Athens, led by the distinguished professor Dr. Despina Sidiropoulou.

The Conference of Career Guidance and Counselling that was held in December 2015 at the Cultural Center of European University Cyprus, was entitled "Innovation in Career Guidance". The conference was comprised of nine presentations and three workshops that focused on good and innovative practices in the field of Counselling and Career Guidance. The Coordinator of the Network of Innovation in Career Guidance and Counselling in Europe, Mr. Johannes Katsarov, presented "Why should we innovate career counselling and how?". The academic team of the University of Athens presented the papers "The role of hope and optimism in the quality of work of professional counsellors and their professional development" and "Creating a promising vision in my professional life - Enhancement program on career management skills".

10.3. OPEN DAYS

European University Cyprus organized Open Days in several cities in Cyprus (4 July 2016 [Agia Napa], 5 July 2016 [Paphos], 6 July 2016 [Nicosia], 7 July 2016 [Limassol]), during which participants were informed by Admission Advisors and University Faculty about University curricula, support and guidance to potential students, scholarships and financial aid. During the Nicosia Open Day, participants were able to visit the state-of-the-art facilities of the School of Medicine and watch a simulation using human and robotic simulators.

10.4. BE A UNIVERSITY STUDENT

During the Academic Year 2015-2016, European University Cyprus implemented, "Be a University Student For A Day," a pioneer scheme providing High School students the opportunity to attend University lectures and courses aiming to:

- Inform students on the courses of their interest
- Familiarizing students with the Academic Teaching Model
- Advise students on how to select the appropriate field of study, taking into consideration the individuals skills and interests.



10.5. COMMITTEE FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

European University of Cyprus, in the framework of maintaining high quality in education, and in accordance to Law of Education of Students with Special Needs and the relevant Regulations (Ο Περί Αγωγής και Εκπαίδευσης Παιδιών με Ειδικές Ανάγκες Νόμος του 1999), (No. 113(I) of 1999), referred to as “The Law”, and particularly Part VII article 51 of the Regulations, has formulated a Committee for Students with Special Educational Needs.

The University offers students with special needs all equal opportunities in terms of the education provided and the guidance offered, so that students may develop their potential to the maximum.

All students with special educational needs are referred to the Committee, which confirms older and specifies new recommendations according to older recommendations of the District Committee (operating at the Ministry of Education and Culture in accordance with the Law) or according to new examinations of the students, and coordinates the support of the students with special needs.

The arrangements and the support that are applied differ, and are always based upon the (certified) individual needs and characteristics of each student. Below are some of the arrangements that could be offered:

- In-class support for students with hearing impairments or deaf students by a Sign-Language interpreter.
- Extension of the time limit of the examination according to the special needs.
- Oral examination or dictation of the answers to a writer or a tape-recorder.
- Installation of Closed Circuit Television for students with visual impairments.
- Translation of texts into a language used for the blind (in Cyprus, the Braille method is used).
- Support in a separate room from the instructor or a special teacher for better understanding of the material, before or after the lesson.
- Voluntary or paid support from a fellow student or another person (reciprocal method).
- Specialized guidance for more efficient correspondence at their academic tasks, i.e. finding an efficient study method, preparation of essays etc.
- Video recording of the lessons so that the students may have access to them later.
- Provision for note-taking.
- Notes of each lesson should be sent in advance to deaf students or students with Learning Disabilities in order to be prepared and attend it efficiently.
- Exemption and replacement of a course, i.e. Music, English etc. for students with Sensory Disability.
- Provision for the accessibility of every area inside and outside the campus.
- Psychological, social and financial (for books, notes etc.) support.

The cooperation of and support from professors and administrative staff have always been crucial for the successful implementation of our mission.

During the academic year 2015-2016, the number of students who were supported amounted to 269 during the fall semester and 265 during the spring semester.

10.6. EUC ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

■ Wheelchair Delivery by EY-ZQ

The cooperation between the green volunteers of the Environmental Committee, many of the members of staff and the students of EUC for collecting plastic caps from bottles and small containers was very successful. The total quantity of caps collected was delivered to the non-profit fund raising organization 'EY-ZQ', who in turn sold them to a recycling company. The funds received were used to purchase a wheelchair, which was delivered to the University on the morning of the 21 January 2016. Mrs. Despo Mavromichali-Neokleous, who is the President of the organization "EY - ZQ", delivered the wheelchair to the Director of the Human Resources Department of EUC Mrs. Loukia Polygerinos-Tzyrkas, who was accompanied by the leader of the green volunteers, Ms. Christie Andreou, and two other members of the environmental committee. The photo below was taken at the time the wheelchair was being delivered. The environmental committee intends to either donate the wheelchair to a student with special needs or to a charitable organization. The Environmental Committee of European University Cyprus is eager and willing to continue the collection of the plastic caps with the determined efforts of the staff and students of EUC for the ultimate aim to gain one more wheelchair.

■ Educational field trip "Tourism and the Environment"

The Environmental Committee of EUC in cooperation with the Hotel, Tourism & Events (HTE) Management program of the School of Business Administration organized an educational field trip exclusively dedicated to the students of the program titled "Tourism and the Environment". The field trip took place on Saturday 27 February 2016 by bus and some special visits in several areas of Larnaka district were implemented (i.e. to urban, suburban and rural areas), which are related with Tourism and the Environment. The program of the field trip is shown below:

The students had the opportunity to enrich their knowledge regarding several environmental and tourism issues such as Agrotourism, Cypriot traditions, wildlife and biodiversity, and the human effects on the natural environment.

Coordinators of this field trip were the instructors Dr. Christakis Sourouklis and Dr. Nikolaos Boukas.

■ Music Night for "Earth Hour"

The Environmental Committee of European University Cyprus in association with the Department of Human Resources and the Department of Arts organized a music night for the "Earth Hour" on Saturday 19 March 2016, from 20:30-21:30 at the Cafeteria of European University Cyprus. During that hour, the participants had the opportunity to enjoy music under candlelight, emphasizing the importance of saving energy for the European Earth Hour. The following musicians had undertaken the responsibility of organizing and performing in the specific event, which was under the supervision of their instructor Mr. Kyriakos Hadjittofis:

Musicians: Petros Papaconstantinou, Guitar/Bass, Pantelis Constantinou, Bass, Raphael Hadjielia, Guitar, Savvas Parperis, Guitar, Stelios Pasiardis, Classical Guitar, Constantinos Socratous, Classical Guitar, Daniella Papadopoulou, Piano, Vicky Siafaka, Saxophone, George Kylilis, Drums, Elena Erotokritou, Guitar / Solo, Haik Gargaloyan, Vocals, Nicoletta Tziakouri, Vocals.

10.7. OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

■ LED Technology Lighting

In our continuous effort to increase the quality of the indoor and outdoor lighting of the European University and Cyprus College premises, we are happy to announce that the project for the replacement of the existing lighting with LED technology lights has been completed successfully. In particular, the project was divided into 4 phases covering all of our buildings in Nicosia, as well as Cyprus College Limassol.

This project promotes the environmental awareness of our organization and is expected to bring important benefits related mainly to the ratification of the green policy of our University. This project has a 10-year guarantee for the equipment used and its operation will save 1.713.325 kWh in a period of 5 years. Also, the equivalent environmental benefits for the University are presented below

Project	CO2 emissions reduction	SO2 emissions reduction	NOx emissions reduction	Fuel oil saving
LED	1,15 tons	0,008 tons	0,343 tons	479,7 tons

■ The operation of the photovoltaic project of 10kWp in Cyprus College Limassol

European University Cyprus within the framework of its green policy has fulfilled the installation of a photovoltaic project of 10kWp power capacity on the roof of the Cyprus College Limassol building, operating since 5 November 2016. The project was completed in cooperation with Total Solar Solutions Ltd (project investor) and Johnsun Heaters Ltd (project contractor). As per the agreement which has been signed by all the above parties, the companies Total Solar Solutions Ltd kai Johnsun Heaters Ltd will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the solar power system, which will serve and cover almost all electricity needs of the two floors of the aforementioned building.

The repayment of the cost of the project will be completed during a following a 7-year timeplan. The total electricity production will exceed the amount of 16,500 kWh per year. This means that at least 412,500 kWh will be channeled to the building during the period of 25 years which is the guaranteed life of the project according to the agreement.

Through the operation of the photovoltaic project we will achieve the following:

- About 4.59 tons of fuel oil will be saved annually.
- The emission of pollutants in the atmosphere will be reduced by almost 11 tons per year.



10.8. UNIVERSITY SPORTS ACTIVITIES - CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

■ 10th Limassol Marathon

In 2016, our university has participated in the 10th Limassol Marathon as part of the Corporate and Social Responsibility framework. The EUC Athletics Department team successfully participated in the 10th Limassol International Marathon GSO, held along the coastal road of Limassol. The Limassol Marathon with around 13,000 runners (in 2016) is included in the IAAF international Athletics Federation calendar and aims at strengthening employee relations in the companies involved. European University and Cyprus College have participated in the 5km race with a corporate team of 60 people.

■ A Three Pointer for young Argyris

A wonderful initiative by the pioneers Aggelos Pelagia and Andreas Kokkinos, manager and coach of the European University Cyprus Alumni Basketball Team (Warriors) took place on 23 October at the closed court of Agios Dhometios. Four teams from the Amateur Basketball Championship participated in a charity tournament for young Argyris.

Combining love for basketball and a sense of social responsibility, the basketball tournament (consisting of groups from the Second Category of the Nicosia amateur championship) helped collect €4,000 for the treatments of young Argyris. Argyris has cerebral palsy with spastic quadriplegia. He underwent a series of successfully surgeries on his feet in Athens. Thereafter, he was subjected to four specialized physiotherapy programs, which significantly contributed to the improvement the Argyris' walking. Sponsors from the beginning of this huge effort were Ojo Sunglasses and the Municipality of Agios Dhometios.

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