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1 | INTRODUCTION



1. Introduction

1.1. Message, from the CEO and President of the Council, Dr. Christoforos Hadjikyprianou, and the Rector, Prof. Kostas Gouliamos

In the era of internationalization and Global Learning, the “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): a university that is a trusted leader in providing access to high quality, innovative programs and operations.

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 excellent academic 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 internationally acclaimed faculty, as well as new research and industry opportunities.

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. People want to come to a country that has an innovative university at its core, particularly a “Medical” university. 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 our inclusion both in the new Magna Charta Universitatum signatory universities and in the prestigious Utrecht Network of 30 top and historical universities of Europe, we are creating an added-value for our students, as well as for our academic and administrative staff. We have internationally exceptional reputation for the outstanding quality of our School of Medicine. This is achieved through our own faculty’s unique expertise in Medicine and Life and Health Sciences programs, as well as through working collaboratively with prestigious universities and Hospitals.

In addition, we offer the only Dentistry program in Cyprus in which students are exposed to state-of-the-art facilities equipped with the latest technology used in dental education. It is worth noting the fact that we have further forged highly institutionalized, friendly and multidimensional relations as well as educational and cultural links with Chinese Universities. Within this framework, we have signed an important strategic partnership with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

Overall, European University Cyprus keeps expanding its circle of Chinese friends, by emphasizing on cultural and academic exchanges and by promoting the spirit and implementation of the Belt & Road Initiative.

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.

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.



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Dr. Christoforos Hadjikyprianou
CEO, President of the Council



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Prof. Kostas Gouliamos
Rector



1.2. Senate Members 2018-19

Prof. Kostas Gouliamos, Rector

Prof. Andreas Efstathiou, Vice-Rector of Research and External Relations

Prof. Loizos Symeou, Vice-Rector of Academic Affairs

Dr. Christoforos Hadjikyprianou, Managing Director

Prof. Marios Vryonides, Dean - School of Humanities, Social and Education Sciences

Prof. George Boustras, Dean - School of Business Administration

Dr. Konstantinos Tsimaras, Dean - School of Law

Prof. Elizabeth Johnson, Dean - School of Medicine

Dr. Panagiotis Papageorgis, Dean - School of Sciences

Dr. Charis Xinari, Faculty Rep. - School of Humanities, Social and Education Sciences

Dr. Georgia Petroudi, Faculty Rep. - School of Humanities, Social and Education Sciences

Prof. Andreas Efstathiades, Faculty Rep. - School of Business Administration

Dr. Lycourgos Hadjiphanis, Faculty Rep. - School of Business Administration

Dr. Nikolaos Koulouris, Faculty Rep. - School of Law

Dr. Thalia Prastitou, Faculty Rep. - School of Law

Prof. Theodoros Xanthos, Faculty Rep. - School of Medicine

Prof. George Palaghias, Faculty Rep. - School of Medicine

Dr. Ioannis Michos, Faculty Rep. - School of Sciences

Dr. Chrysoula Thodi, Faculty Rep. - School of Sciences

Mr. Costas Ellinas, STP Rep. - School of Business Administration

Ms. Monica Hadjichrysanthou, STP Rep. - School of Humanities, Social and Education Sciences

Ms. Venetia Argyropoulou, STP Rep. - School of Law

Mr. Costas Ioannou, STP Rep. - School of Medicine

Ms. Maria Nicolaou, STP Rep. - School of Sciences

Dimitris Pafitis, Student Representative, School of Humanities, Social and Education Sciences

Panagiotis Skarparis, Student Representative, School of Sciences

Triantafillos Salomides, Student Representative, School of Business Administration

Apostolos Sideropoulos, Student Representative, School of Medicine

Michalis Katsouris, Student Representative, School of Law

2 | UNIVERSITY FACILITIES



2. University Facilities

2.1. Microsoft Innovation Center (MIC)

Microsoft Innovation Center Cyprus (MIC Cyprus) is a state-of-the-art technology facility focusing on the development and promotion of innovation, research and technology in Cyprus. It is a strategic collaboration between European University Cyprus and Microsoft. Its wider goal is to strengthen the local and regional economy, promote entrepreneurship at all stages of education, support innovative solutions, and implement unique and pioneering projects.

MIC's operation is a focal point in the development, support and promotion of innovative ideas and startups. Actions such as the creation of new jobs, support and promotion of innovative solutions, acquiring skills and continuous education are part of the Center's activities. The main aims are as follows:

- Empowering the local business environment
- Attract dynamic and innovative businesses and initiatives
- Facilitating strategic partnerships between innovative public / private sector initiatives
- Center for Best practice implementation for optimizing innovative projects and methods
- Creating a focal point for all innovative initiatives as a service center and space for the exchange of ideas and technological solutions
- Creating technology exchange and implementation space
- Strengthening knowledge in technology, academically and professionally
- Establishing a specialized training center

MIC Cyprus, one of the 110 Innovation Centers globally, is supported by some of the greatest 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, Galileo Global Education, Logicom Solutions and NetU.



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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS



3. Academic Affairs

3.1. Message, from the Vice Rector of Academic Affairs, Prof. Loizos Symeou

The Office of the Vice-Rector of Academic Affairs coordinated during the academic year 2018-19 a significant number of inter- and intra-University actions in collaboration with Schools, Departments and academic committees, the Distance Education Unit, administration departments, and external stakeholders (including the Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education-CY.Q.A.A./ΔΙ.Π.Α.Ε.- and the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sport and Youth). All actions and procedures followed by the Office adhere to the European Standards and Guidelines (ESG) for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (E.H.E.A.), as well as the CY.Q.A.A. guidelines with which the Office was in continuous communication as the agency responsible to ensure the quality of Higher Education in Cyprus and to support, through the procedures provided by the relevant legislation for the continuous improvement and upgrading of higher education institutions and their programs of study (with the decision of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Cyprus dated 5 November 2015 on the basis of the “Quality Assurance and Accreditation of Higher Education and the Establishment and Operation of an Agency on Related Matters Law of 2015.”). More information on some of the Office’s actions appear below:

Internal Quality Assurance

- The preparation and submission of the Three-Year Internal Quality Evaluation Report/ Γενική Έκθεση Εσωτερικής Αξιολόγησης for the years 2015-18 which was submitted to CY.Q.A.A. on 22 November 2018.
- The submission to CY.Q.A.A. of the Departmental Evaluations documents of all twelve Departments of the University (submitted by 30 June 2019).
- The submission to CY.Q.A.A. of the applications for the re-accreditation of a large number of existing EUC programs of study which have been initially evaluated by the Evaluation Committee for Private Universities (E.C.P.U./Ε.Α.Ι.Π.) within the framework of the “Private Universities (Establishment of Operation and Control) Laws 2005 to 2011”.
- The re-development and implementation with the Department of Enrolment of a new scheme for a functional student academic path per semester so that students’ annual ECTS workload fully aligns with the latest local and European Standards and Guidelines.



- The re-design and piloting of the implementation of the newly established 'Instructor and Course Evaluation' survey for both conventional and distance learning courses, as well as courses taught by more than one instructor.
- The re-establishment of the University Internal Quality Assurance Committee and the enhancement of its involvement in all internal quality assurance related procedures and decisions and its support to the Departmental and School internal quality committees and structures. The composition of the Internal Quality Assurance Committee for the academic years 2018-2020 is the following:
 - Prof. Loizos Symeou, Vice-Rector of Academic Affairs (Chair)
 - One faculty member from each School of the University:
 - School of Medicine: Dr. Theodoros Xanthos, Professor
 - School of Sciences: Dr. Vasiliki Gkretsi, Assistant Professor
 - School of Humanities, Social and Education Sciences: Dr. Georgia Petroudi, Assistant Professor
 - School of Law: Dr. Christiana Markou, Lecturer
 - School of Business Administration: Dr. Christakis Sourouklis, Assistant Professor
 - Quality Assurance Experts:
 - Dr. Pieris Chourides, Head of the Internal Process and Quality Unit
 - Dr. Ioannis Karis, Adjunct Professor, School of Sciences
 - One representative from the Administration:
 - Ms. Athanasia Ktena, Administrative Head, Office of the Vice-Rector of Academic Affairs
 - Two student representatives:
 - Mr. Andreas Maliappis, Graduate Student
 - Mr. Michalis Katsouris, Undergraduate Student
- The re-establishment of the Team of Pedagogical Planning of Distance Learning Programs of Study and the enhancement of its involvement in all internal quality assurance related procedures and decisions that relate to the University's Distance Learning programs of study. The Team aims to improve the learning experience of distance learning students through its active and qualitative support of the University's distance learning programs of study and is responsible for supporting Schools in:
 - monitoring and evaluating the existing distance learning programs of study
 - the pedagogical planning of new distance learning programs of study
 - the design and evaluation of educational material for distance learning programs
 - the support and feedback processes for the students
 - the pedagogical use of technology, internet, and digital information
 - the technical training and support of instructors
 - the interaction between staff and students.

The composition of the Team of Pedagogical Planning of Distance Learning Programs of Study for the academic years 2018-2020 is the following:

- Dr. Paraskevi Chatzipanagiotou, Assistant Professor - Director of Distance Education Unit (Chair) School of Humanities, Social and Education Sciences:
- Dr. Spyros Spyrou, Professor
- Dr. James Mackay, Assistant Professor
- Dr. Maria Papazachariou, Lecturer
- Ms. Petra Daniel, Special Teaching Personnel

School of Sciences:

- Dr. Yianna Danidou, Lecturer
- Dr. Maria Leonidou, Assistant Professor
- Dr. Costantinos Nikiforou, Assistant Professor

School of Business Administration:

- Prof. George Papageorgiou, Professor
- Dr. Lycourgos Hadhiphanis, Assistant Professor
- Dr. Despina Marouchou, Assistant Professor

- The launch of the EUC Digitally Enhanced Learning (D.e.L.) project that aims to substantially improve EUC students' learning experiences in face-to-face courses throughout EUC. Overall D.e.L. aims to pedagogically improve the quality of instruction of all EUC courses in all programs of study. The philosophical framework of D.e.L. is that quality of instruction is not simply about adding technological tools in everyday teaching. It is rather about transforming courses with new technological tools that provide new learning experiences to students. More specifically, the initiative aims to provide EUC students with enhanced learning experience with better, more meaningful, more useful and more valuable experience with cutting-edge knowledge of the field. It aims to build communities of practice in each course beyond the in-class meetings. Moreover, it aims to transform student learning in all courses and programs and offers added (not replaced) pedagogical value. Some of the characteristics of the D.e.L. project include (from the student perspective):

- a variety of collaboration types
- active learning
- increased engagement of students to course activities
- differentiation
- flexible, non-static learning

The composition of the D.e.L. Committee for the academic years 2018-2020 is the following:

- Dr. Marios Vryonides, Professor, Dean of the School of Humanities, Social and Education Sciences (Chair)

Members:

- Dr. Maria Meletiou-Mavrotheris, Professor, Department of Education Sciences
- Dr. Loucas Louca, Associate Professor, Department of Education Sciences
- Dr. Katerina Mavrou, Associate Professor, Department of Education Sciences
- Dr. Elena Stylianou, Associate Professor, Department of Arts

Program Evaluation Review (P.E.R.)

The establishment of the University Program Evaluation Review (P.E.R.) process for the review of EUC programs of study. Before its implementation, the P.E.R. procedure manual was reviewed and approved by the Senate (62nd Senate Meeting).

The coordination of actions across EUC for the successful implementation of the newly established procedure. During the academic year 2018-2019 the P.E.R. process was applied for the review of all existing programs of study which have been initially evaluated by the Evaluation Committee for Private Universities (E.C.P.U./E.A.I.Π.).

New Programs of Study Accredited and Offered for the First Time during the Academic Year 2018-19

The brief descriptions of the new programs of study accredited by CY.Q.A.A. and launched during the academic year 2018-2019 appear below:

School of Humanities, Social and Education Sciences

- Hellenic Studies (18 Months/90 ECTS, M.A.) (accredited in both English and Greek) & Hellenic Studies (18 Months/90 ECTS, M.A.), Distance Learning (accredited in both English and Greek) (30th CY.Q.A.A Summit)

The MA in Hellenic Studies aims at offering a comprehensive study of the political, cultural, intellectual, economic and social activity of the Greeks, from antiquity to the present. Due to its diachronic and interdisciplinary character the programme provides students from various backgrounds with the unique opportunity to develop their skills and acquire both a general view and understanding of the Hellenic culture and a more specialized knowledge in the scientific fields of History, Archaeology and Cultural Heritage in the Hellenic world. It also aims to contribute to the development of an interdisciplinary dialogue that will reveal the worldwide importance of this heritage. This Master is offered in three areas of specialization:

- History
- Archaeology & Art
- Education & Heritage Management

■ **Digital Media (18 Months/90 ECTS, M.Sc.) (31st CY.Q.A.A Summit)**

Interdisciplinary in nature, the MSc in Digital Media at EUC provides students with the technical know-how to become informed and active participants and professionals in the digital world. The program focuses on the development of practical skills, critical knowledge, research, and state-of-the-art strategies in social media, blogging, content management and SEO to succeed in a career that uses or is affected by new media. In a profession where demand outstrips supply, understanding the science and practice of digital and social media can lead to a variety of exciting careers in media and communication related industries, public or private agencies and national and international organizations.

School of Business Administration

■ **Aviation Management (4 Years/240 ECTS, B.Sc.) (32nd CY.Q.A.A Summit)**

The core objective of this program is to equip future airline crew members with the knowledge and skills to operate as efficient, safe and professional commercial pilots as well as capable managers within their area of activity, and to enable the future aviation ground staff, to demonstrate a better understanding of the challenges that the aviation industry, as well as the air crews, are facing, consequently enriching the quality of their decision-making capabilities. The program is offered in two areas of specialization:

- **Commercial Operations**
- **Air Operations**

School of Medicine

■ **Infectious Diseases: Prevention and Control (18 Months/90 ECTS, M.Sc.) (32nd CY.Q.A.A Summit)**

The MSc program in Infectious Diseases: Prevention and Control aims at scientifically approaching all issues regarding the epidemiology and current trends, public health significance, clinical and microbiological characteristics, recommended prevention and control measures and practices, of epidemiologically important and preventable infectious diseases.

Re-Accredited Programs of Study

The following program of study was successfully re-accredited by CY.Q.A.A. to be launched with its new content and structure during the academic year 2019-2020:

School of Business Administration

■ **Hospitality and Tourism Management (4 Years/240 ECTS, BBA) (44th CY.Q.A.A. Summit)**

The BA Hospitality and Tourism Management program of study aims to prepare the new generation of professionals in the local and international field of Hospitality and Tourism by providing to its students the necessary academic, technical and research skills in order to respond to current and future challenges, to multicultural aspects, to new technological and innovative products patterns, to changes in service quality, brand development and performance management of Hospitality and Tourism enterprises.

Applications for Accreditation of New Programs of Study

The applications (Document 200.1) for the accreditation of the following new programs of study and all relevant documentation were successfully completed and submitted to CY.Q.A.A.:

- **Artificial Intelligence (18 months/90 ECTS, M.Sc.) Distance Learning**
- **Byzantine Music – Psaltic Art (4 years/240 ECTS, BA) Distance Learning**
- **Criminal Law (18 months/90 ECTS, MA)**
- **Criminal Law (18 months/90 ECTS, MA) Distance Learning**
- **Cybersecurity (18 months/90 ECTS, M.Sc.) Distance Learning**

EUC Faculty Professional Development Program

The re-design and implementation of a 35 teaching hours EUC Professional Development Program for its newly hired Faculty and Special Teaching Personnel, as well as the delivery of full-time and part-time instructors' ongoing professional development activities and actions. Three (3) academic staff professional development schemes were established and organized, offered, evaluated, and revised, as follows:

- EUC Professional Development Program for its newly hired academic staff
- EUC Ongoing Professional Development Program
- EUC Professional Development Program on Innovative Strategic Interventions

The composition of the team coordinating the EUC Faculty Development Program for the academic years 2018-2020 is the following:

- Dr. Eleni Theodorou, Associate Professor, Chairperson, Department of Education Sciences (Chair)

Members - School representatives:

- Dr. Marios Vryonides, Professor, Dean of the School of Humanities, Social and Education Sciences
- Dr. Theodoros Xanthos, Professor, Department of Medicine
- Dr. Elena Stylianou, Associate Professor, Department of Arts
- Dr. Philippe Jogleux, Associate Professor, School of Law
- Dr. Antonia Sophocleous, Assistance Professor, Department of Life Sciences
- Dr. Alexios Kythreotis, Assistance Professor, Department of Accounting, Economics & Finance

Members: Representatives from the Administration:

- Ms. Loukia Polygerinos-Tzyrkas, Director, Department of Human Recourses
- Ms. Maria Gallou, Human Recourses Coordinator, Department of Human Recourses
- Ms. Athanasia Ktena, Administrative Head, Office of the Vice-Rector of Academic Affairs

Student Participation and Engagement

The enhancement of the involvement of organised and non-organised students in the University's academic structures and life.



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DISTANCE EDUCATION UNIT



4. Distance Education Unit

4.1. Message, from the Director of Distance Education Unit, Dr. Paraskevi Chatzipanagiotou

The Digital Education Unit established in 2013 and offers fully accredited e-learning programs leading to Bachelor and Master Degrees. The aim of the Unit is to offer quality programs of study to individuals who, due to personal, professional and/or geographical constraints, are unable to study or to continue their studies in Tertiary Education. In this way, the European University Cyprus has succeeded in responding to the current and growing needs of today's society for learning, and to promote equal opportunities in the field of Education through alternative education programs with high demand in the labor market.

The EUC Digital Education Unit, from a pedagogical perspective, has a concrete education model, tailored to the needs of students and the special characteristics of e-learning (flexibility in time-management, differentiation in teaching). The student occupies a predominant position since the entire process aims to enhance his/her learning. In other words, the learning activity is the core of the model, which includes three fundamental elements that all come together in the design of the activities: learning resources, collaboration and guidance from both 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 Digital Education and in the use of the most advanced Information and communication technologies in the teaching procedure.

For the academic year 2018-19, four Bachelor degrees and 12 Master Degrees based on e-Learning Methodology were offered, all fully accredited by the Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education. Bachelor degrees last for four years and are taught in Greek or/and English language (Business Studies, Marketing, Communications and Social Media, English Language & Literature, Psychology). Postgraduate courses are offered in 18-month duration and are taught in Greek or/and English language (Business Administration, Career Guidance & Counselling, English Language and Literature, Educational Management & Leadership, Early Childhood Education, Special (Inclusive) Education, Technologies of Learning & Communication, Hellenic Studies, Information Systems, Music Education, Public Administration, Public Health)

5

INTERNAL PROCESSES AND QUALITY OFFICE

5.1. Message, from the Head of Internal Processes and Quality, Dr Pieris Chourides

The Internal Processes and Quality Office is an internal objective and consulting unit, designed to add value and to improve the operations of European University Cyprus (EUC). It helps the University to achieve its objectives by adopting a systematic and professional approach in order to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of, as well as, monitoring and assessing the University's processes and quality system through application of quality control models such as TQM, EFQM, IIP. Additionally, the Internal Processes and Quality office is responsible for providing all independent ranking and rating organisations data and information for accreditation and benchmarking purposes. The long-term aim of the office is to identify and define key performance indicators that will enable more accurate performance evaluation and efficient operation.

5.2. Times Higher Impact Rankings

European University Cyprus is ranked 76th in the criteria of Decent Work and Economic Growth and among the 101+ universities in the criteria of Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure in the 2019 Times Higher Education Impact Rankings.

Using the United Nations' criteria on Sustainable Development Goals the Times Higher Education Rankings assess the top world universities on an annual basis in a range of categories.

European University Cyprus has excelled in two categories: in the first, for its research in industry and innovation, the number of patents and spin-off companies and its research income from industry; and, in the second, for its economics research, its employment practices and the number of students taking work placement.



5.3. U-Multirank

The European Commission's U-Multirank ranking mechanism confirms European University Cyprus' excellence, innovation and prestige. U-Multirank is the world's largest independent university ranking tool, comparing more than 1,600 universities from 95 countries.

In the 2018 rankings, European University Cyprus was placed among the top academic institutions, performing in the top 300 in the fields of:

- Research (Arts Related Output – top 50)
- Knowledge Transfer (Spin off – top 42)
- Professional Development of Students and Staff (top 63)
- International Orientation (International Academic Staff – top 15)
- International Joint Academic Publications (top 68)

In the Regional Engagement Category, the University scored 82% for bachelor graduates working in the region and 95% for master graduates working in the region.



6 | LIBRARY

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

6.1. Indicative Activities

In 2018-2019, the library catalogued over 1350 titles of printed books and other materials (except periodicals). With the addition of the Wiley e-books package, the library offers access to over 300,000 full-text e-books. The collection of e-books includes packages from major vendors such as Springer, Nature, Elsevier, McGraw-Hill, Proquest, EBSCO, and Emerald.

As of 2018-2019, the library offers access to over 120 electronic databases for journals. The collection includes subscription to the e-journals of Oxford, Cambridge, ACM, IEEE, Wolters-Kluwer, Elsevier's Freedom Collection, Sage, Springer, Palgrave, Nature, Westlaw, Brill, Proquest, EBSCO, and many more.

Access to all electronic material as of 2018, is offered through OpenAthens, an identity and access management system. OpenAthens authenticates users and provides single sign-in access to both internal and external web-based resources.

In 2018, the library completed the building of the University's Repository (<https://repo.euc.ac.cy/>). Plemochoe is an open access institutional repository established for the sole purpose of gathering preserving and distributing original research material produced by the EUC faculty and researchers. Plemochoe aims to validate the intellectual life of the University by promoting scientific research to the local and international communities. As a first step, the library is cataloguing the research work of the faculty.

The EUC library, as one of the founding members, actively participates in the Cyprus Academic Libraries Consortium (CALC). In 2018, CALC was officially registered as a limited liability / non-profitable company. The official title is KKYB (Consortium of Cypriot Libraries Ltd - Κοινοπραξία Κυπριακών Βιβλιοθηκών ΛΤΔ). The aim of KKYB is to represent all library members at official negotiations with vendors, organize projects, and enrich the libraries of all members with the best e-book and e-journal packages.

During the academic year 2018-2019, the library organised a number of seminars always in collaboration with teachers, in order to educate students about the proper way to use the library's facilities and so they become aware of what the library has to offer with emphasis on electronic resources.



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RESEARCH AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS



7. Research and External Affairs

7.1. Message, from the Vice Rector of Research and External Affairs, Prof. Andreas Efstathiou

It is my great pleasure to report that during the academic year 2018-2019, the University has made significant progress in developing further its research activity. Our Research Centers and the wider academic and research community excelled in research across a very broad range of areas in Life Sciences, Physical Sciences and Engineering, as well Humanities, Social Sciences and the Arts.

Following an intensive campaign coordinated by the Research Office of the University, our academics and researchers have secured funding from a number of sources including the Research & Innovation Foundation, European Space Agency, Horizon 2020, Erasmus+ etc. The University secured a large proportion of its funding in the current academic year, which exceeded €1,290,000, from the European Commission and the RESTART 2016-2020 program of the Research & Innovation Foundation. A number of our faculty received important awards and international distinctions, while a number of new promising scientists with a strong track record in research joined our faculty.

The University has expanded considerably the network of international universities and local and international organizations with which it collaborates, and a series of Memoranda of Understanding have been signed. 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.

The Erasmus Office of the University organized this year its 2nd Erasmus+ International Teaching Mobility Week. During the week, 19 teachers and researchers from 9 European countries (France, United Kingdom, Greece, Malta, Romania, Lithuania, Switzerland, Poland and Slovakia) lectured on a very wide range of disciplines (Medicine, Law, Sciences, Business Administration, Social Sciences and Humanities) to EUC students, presented papers and participated in workshops and other social events. During the week, participants had the opportunity to network in a very friendly environment with teachers and researchers of European University Cyprus and to explore the history, culture, traditions and customs of Cyprus. The week also included artistic events by Erasmus+ participants, such as a classical guitar concert, a jazz piano concert and a painting exhibition.



7.2. Faculty Distinctions and Achievements

- **Prof. Andreas Efstathiou**, Vice Rector of Research & External Affairs of the University was appointed by the Minister of Finance of the Republic of Cyprus as a member of the Board of Directors of the Research & Innovation Foundation (RIF) for a five-year term (2019-2024). The appointment followed a recommendation by the Cyprus Rectors' Conference. Prof. Efstathiou, who was subsequently elected by the Board of Directors as Secretary of RIF, will also represent the private Universities on the Board of RIF.
- Name of Academic: **Dr. Constadina Charalambous**
Department: Department of Education (School of Humanities, Social and Education Sciences)
Distinction/Achievement: Project: Politicization of Identities in Diaspora: Cosmopolitanism & Conflict Discourse (Excellence Hub, EU Restart 2016-2020, €143,600).
- Postgraduate Diploma (PGD) in Quantitative Finance
Faculty member **Mr. Petros Alexandrou** (School of Business Administration) obtained a Postgraduate Diploma (PGD) in Quantitative Finance, London University (SOAS).
- **Dr. Marilena Theodorou**, Lecturer in the Radiology-Radiotherapy (BSc) program of the Department of Health Sciences, has been selected as one of the eight members of the Executive Board of the European Association of Neuro-Oncology (EANO) for the period 2018-2020. It is noteworthy that this council includes leading European scientists in the field of Neuro-oncology; therefore, this is a great honor for Dr. Theodorou, the School of Sciences and the European University Cyprus in general.
- **Dr. Antonia Sophocleous**, Lecturer of Biochemistry in the Department of Life Sciences, has joined the Editorial Board of the International Federation of Musculoskeletal Research Societies (IFMRS) Learning Environment, HubLE as Co-chair of the Lab Methods Committee. HubLE aspires to be a unique, international and educational new-investigator-led initiative that provides the next generation of musculoskeletal scientists a platform where they can learn from the experts, voice their opinions and views, share their research findings and acquire hands-on experience in musculoskeletal research. (<http://huble.org/>) (May 2019).
- **Dr. Louiza Voniati**, Assistant Professor of Speech & Therapy (BSc) program, in the Department of Health Sciences has been appointed by the Ministry of Education and Culture of Cyprus as a Coordinator (for the period 2017-2019) of the scientific team responsible for the complete set up of the examination tests for potential candidates to be employed by the Ministry of Education and Culture of Cyprus at the public primary education level as Speech and Language Therapists.
- **Dr. Louiza Voniati**, Assistant Professor of Speech & Therapy (BSc) program, in the Department of Health Sciences was awarded a "Praise" by the Ministry of Education and Culture of Cyprus for her contribution to Education. In co-operation with the Pedagogical Institute of Cyprus, she completed the training and implementation (evaluative and interventional) for programs of innovative therapeutic methods, as well as on counseling programs and in-service training programs for general and special education teachers. (October 2018).
- **Dr. Demetris Lamnisos**, Assistant Professor and Chair of the Department of Health Sciences, was appointed by the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment as a member of the National Committee for the Protection and Welfare of animals used for scientific purposes, for the period 2018-2021.

- **Dr. Apostolos Zaravinos**, Associate Professor, Cancer Genetics, Coordinator of the Biological Sciences (BSc) program, Department of Life Sciences has received the following awards/appointments:
 - November 2018: Received the 2nd best presentation award in the 6th International Multithematic Bio-Medical Congress (IMBMC), organized by the School of Medicine at the European University Cyprus.
 - April 2018: Became Associate Member (Editor) of The World Academy of Sciences.
 - March 2018: Became member of the Editorial board of the journal "Trends in Immunotherapy".
 - 2018: In collaboration with Dr. Antonis Kirmizis (UCy, Coordinator) and Dr. Panos Papageorgis (EUC, partner) secured funding (250,000€) through the competitive Research Promotion Foundation (RPF) Programme "RESTART 2016-2020 Excellence Hubs". The project's title is "Functional and therapeutic implications of histone N-terminal acetyltransferase Naa40 in colorectal oncogenesis (ONCONAT)". RPF proposal number: EXCELLENCE/1216/0036.
 - 2018: In collaboration with Dr. Konstantinos Deltas (UCy, Coordinator) and Dr. Ron Korstanje (The Jackson Laboratory, Partner), secured funding (250,000€) through the competitive Research Promotion Foundation (RPF) Programme "RESTART 2016-2020 Excellence Hubs". The project's title is "Genetic modifiers in Alport syndrome and thin basement membrane nephropathy (RICTOR-ALPORT)". RPF proposal number: EXCELLENCE/1216/0417.
 - 2018: In collaboration with the Golden Donkey farm Ltd (Coordinator) and Dr. Photis Papademas (CUT, Partner), secured funding (200,000€) through the competitive Research Promotion Foundation (RPF) Program "RESTART 2016-2020, Research in Enterprises Proposal title: Donkey Milk Bioactive Powder (DELIVER)". RPF proposal number: ENTERPRISES/0916/0083.
- **Dr. Panos Papageorgis**, Associate Professor of Molecular Biology, Dean of the School of Sciences has received the following research grants:
 - 2018: As a project coordinator, he secured funding (€159,992) from the Research Promotion Foundation's Program "RESTART 2016-2020-DIDAKTOR", (RPF Proposal number POST-DOC/0916/0044). The project's title is "Unveiling novel molecular mechanisms that regulate colonization of dormant metastatic breast cancer cells".
 - 2018: In collaboration with Dr. Triantafyllos Stylianopoulos (UCy-Coordinator) and Prof. Andreas Anayiotos (CUT-Partner), he secured funding (€1,000,000) from the Research Promotion Foundation's Program "RESTART 2016-2020 - "INFRASTRUCTURES" (RPF Proposal number INFRASTRUCTURES/1216/0052). The project's title is "Center for Preclinical evaluation and optimization of cancer nanomedicine".
 - 2018: In collaboration with Dr. Antonis Kirmizis (UCy, Coordinator) and Dr. Apostolos Zaravinos (EUC-Partner) he secured funding (€250,000) from the Research Promotion Foundation's Program "RESTART 2016-2020 - Excellence Hubs" (RPF Proposal number: EXCELLENCE/1216/0036). The project's title is "Functional and therapeutic implications of histone N-terminal acetyltransferase Naa40 in colorectal oncogenesis".
- **Dr. Kostas Konstantopoulos**, Assistant Professor, Coordinator of the Speech & Therapy (BSc) program, published the following articles:
 - Konstantopoulos, K., Zamba-Papanicolaou, E., & Christodoulou, K. (2018). Quantification of dysarthrophonia in a Cypriot family with autosomal recessive hereditary spastic paraplegia associated with a homozygous SPG11 mutation. *Neurological Sciences*, 39(9), 1547-1550. (Impact factor 2.285).
 - Vavougios, G., Doskas, T., & Konstantopoulos, K. (2018). An electroglottographical analysis-based discriminant function model differentiating multiple sclerosis patients from healthy controls. *Neurological Sciences*, 39(5), 847-850. (Impact factor 2.285).
 - Konstantopoulos, K. & Vogazianos, P. (in press). Montreal Cognitive Assessment in a Greek sample of patients with multiple sclerosis: a validation study. *Applied Neuropsychology: Adult*. DOI: 10.1080/23279095.2019.1588123.
 - Andreou, A. & Konstantopoulos, K. (2018, May). The relationship between the Voice Handicap Index and the size of the vocal nodules. Paper presented at the 10th European Congress of speech and language therapy. Estoril, May 10-12.
 - Seikel, J. A., Konstantopoulos, K., & Drumright, D. G. (2019). *Neuroanatomy and Neurophysiology for Speech and Hearing Sciences*. San Diego, CA: Plural publishing group. (2019)
 - Konstantopoulos, K. & Karangioules, D. (in press). Language, speech and voice symptomatology (dysarthria) in multiple sclerosis: electroglottographic and acoustic analysis for assessment. In L. Saba & J. Suri (Eds.), *Neurological Disorders and Imaging Physics, Volume 1: Application of Multiple Sclerosis*. CRC publisher. (2019)

- **Dr. Christos Dimopoulos**, Associate Professor of Computer Science and Engineering and co-Director of CERIDES, was honored by the Environment Commissioner, Ms. Ioanna Panagiotou, on Wednesday 5 June 2019, in the presence of the President of the Republic of Cyprus, Nikos Anastasiades, for his contribution to the achievement of the environmental objectives of the Republic of Cyprus through the work of the Office of the Commissioner for the Environment.

- **Dr. Louiza Voniati**, Assistant Professor of Speech & Therapy (BSc) program, in the Department of Health Sciences, after submitting a research proposal for a competition, has undertaken, in collaboration with the University of Ioannina, the research program "Validation of Novafon as an Assistive Technology for Pediatric and Adult Swallowing Disorders", starting on 1 September, 2019. Coordinators of the research program will be from the European University Cyprus, Dr Louiza Voniati, and from the University of Ioannina, Dr. Dionysios Chr. Taifiadis of the Speech & Therapy Program.

Novafon is a sonic wave-sonic system that induces deep excitation, helping to regulate muscular tone and improve motion synergies. The aim of the research program is to certify the Novafon system (3 steps) as an adjunct therapy to people with swallowing and/or eating disorders, in children and adults in Cyprus and Greece.

Certification of the use of innovative interventional therapeutic tools and methods will contribute to further highlighting the pioneering research work of our University. For the realization of the research project, European University Cyprus will receive both funding and logistic infrastructure for the use of which there will be specialized training by the company "Novafon Elektromedizinische Geräte GmbH". The relevant actions will be carried out at the iCommunicate Research Center (iCRC) of the European University Cyprus Speech & Therapy Program, which is the first cross-thematic research center on communication disorders.

- **Harvard International Distance - Learning Clinical Research Training Program (15 February 2019)**

European University Cyprus, School of Medicine is proud to announce that it is now an official host for the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health for the course entitled "Principles and Practice of Clinical Research" (PPCR). The PPCR certificate course is taught online by the faculty of the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health faculty in Boston, and is open to interested senior medical students, graduate students, faculty, staff and researchers interested in clinical research or academic research, in general. The PPCR course starts at the end of March and lasts until November, with a short summer break. A certificate from the T.H. Chan School of Public Health is certainly an exciting career opportunity.

- **Participation of School of Medicine faculty in the Educational program of personal doctors for the Cyprus General System of Health, Ministry of Health (March 2019)**

The School of Medicine, EUC was invited to co-organize in the educational program of personal doctors for the Cyprus General System of Health, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health. Dr.Tsioutis and Dr.Angouridis participated as faculty, giving lectures on topics of their expertise to doctors who were enrolled in the program in order to become accredited as personal doctors in the new Health System of Cyprus.

- **Multidimensional collaboration between European University Cyprus and Hadassah University Hospital. (14 March 2019)**

An important cooperation agreement was recently signed between European University Cyprus and the Hadassah University Hospital in Jerusalem, which is part of the Hebrew University of Israel. The purpose of the agreement is the cooperation in the fields of health, medicine, research and education, with the ultimate goal of becoming another essential step towards upgrading the level of medical care in Cyprus. The agreement creates two pillars of cooperation: 1) Synergies at research level will be promoted in a number of medical programs. This will be done through the two-way mission of researchers who will gain access to the knowledge produced while becoming familiar with new research methods. 2) At educational level there will be exchanges of academic staff. First, Lecturer of the Medical School, Dr. Aris Angouridis, a physician with training in intensive care, will go to Hadassah to work with Professor van Heerden. In addition, medical students had the opportunity to attend a lecture by Professor van Heerden. Hadassah Hospital (www.hadassah-med.com/) is a leading medical institution that has been setting the standard for Israel's modern health system for more than 100 years. The majority of the country's medical discoveries have been made by Hadassah scientists.

■ **National Committee of clinical guidelines and protocols (April 2019)**

Following an invitation by the Ministry of Health, Prof. Johnson, Dr.Tsioutis and Dr.Angouridis became members of the newly established National Committee for development and implementation of Protocols and Clinical Guidelines, initiated and chaired by the Ministry of Health, Cyprus.

■ **Executive Dean of the Department of Dentistry, Professor Athanasios Athanasiou (19 February 2019)**

The European University Cyprus announces that Professor of Orthodontics Athanasios E. Athanasiou was appointed as Executive Dean of the Department of Dentistry of the Medical School.

Professor Athanasiou's collaboration with European University Cyprus began in 2011 as a Professor of Dentistry at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki when he was invited to contribute to the design of the first Dental Program in Cyprus. With the contribution of other fellow professors, in 2012, he submitted to the university the proposals for the curriculum, the laboratory and clinical infrastructure and the teaching and technical staff required by a modern Dental School.

■ **Teaching in the National School of Judges in Thessaloniki, Greece**

Title: English Legal Terminology

Organization: National School of Judges

Coordinator(s): Dimitrios Kranis (Director of National School of Judges, now Deputy Minister of Justice)

Speaker(s): Charalampos Stamelos

Venue: National School of Judges, Thessaloniki, Greece

Date: 21-22 March 2019, 4-5 April 2019

On 21-22 March and on 4-5 April 2019 I taught English Legal Terminology to the judges-students of the National School of Judges in two separate groups, the group of judges-students studying Public Law (to become judges of the administrative courts, including the Council of State) and the group of judges-students studying Private and Criminal Law (to become judges of the civil and criminal courts). Working language: Greek.

■ **Legal Conference**

Title: Tax Justice Network Conference 2019 #TJN19

Professional enablers of tax abuse and crime

Organization: Tax Justice Network

Coordinator(s): Tax Justice Network

Speaker(s): Dr. Venetia Argyropoulou

Venue: City University, London

Date: 2-3 July 2019

The challenges of tax justice do not exist in a vacuum. It is not coincidental that billions of dollars are lost worldwide to tax avoidance and tax evasion each year. Nor is there anything random about the failure to tackle loopholes, or to implement proven measures to improve transparency and accountability of the actors, or simply to maintain progressive taxation.

The professional enablers – including banks, law firms and the major audit and accounting firms, along with real estate agents, trust companies and others, and myriad lobbying groups– are key players in both the design of schemes for tax abuse and the prejudicial political influence that undermines tax justice, and in some cases in facilitating criminal activities. The resulting impacts on human rights, including women's rights, are dramatic.

This year, the conference focused on qualitative and quantitative research that explores the role and the influence of the enablers, and innovative proposals for their better regulation. Additional topics include tax competition and the race to the bottom, tax justice and human rights, financial secrecy, scale of revenue losses, and whistleblowers.

Dr. Venetia Argyropoulou's speech was on the issue of Digitalisation of the Economy and the Tax Measures envisioned by the EU.

■ Law Conference and publication as a Chapter in the Book on History of Law

Title: New Studies in History and Law

Organization: Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER)

Coordinator(s): David Frenkel (Israel) and Norbert Varga (Hungary)

Speaker(s): Charalampos Stamelos

Venue: Athens Titania Hotel Conference Room

Date: 15 July 2019

In the 16th Annual International Conference on Law of ATINER I presented the topic 'The Three Criminal Trials of Bishop of Paphos Leontios in Cyprus during the English Rule (1932, 1938, and 1939)'. Working language: English. The relevant paper on this topic was selected and is expected to be published in the forthcoming Book on History of Law of ATINER under the title "New Studies in History and Law". Working language: English.

7.3. Participation in Funded Research Projects

During the academic year 2018-2019, European University Cyprus received external research funding amounting to over €1,269,000. A substantial proportion of the funding has been awarded from EU programmes. A detailed table with all funded projects can be found below:

Project Title	Funding Programme	Start Date	End Date	Amount Total (Euro)	Amount EUC (Euro)
ONCONAT	RESTART 2016 - 2020	01/01/2019	31/12/2021	€ 250,000.00	€ 34,488.00
RECITE Research Circulation in Teacher Education	Erasmus+	01/09/2018	31/08/2021	€ 279,544.00	€ 33,510.00
DATA PRO Upgrading the EU Data Protection Sector with new Skills	Erasmus+	03/09/2018	02/09/2020	€ 473,257.00	€ 41,565.00
DELIVER	RESTART 2016 - 2020	01/10/2018	30/09/2020	€ 156,854.00	€ 32,200.00
RICTOR-ALPORT	RESTART 2016 - 2020	01/10/2018	30/09/2020	€ 161,874.00	€ 8,804.00
MPI_LIVER	RESTART 2016 - 2020	04/10/2018	30/06/2021	€ 250,000.00	€ 19,918.00
SAFED SAFETY, FIRE & DESIGN: SIMULATION FOR FIRE SAFETY TRAINING	Erasmus+	01/11/2018	31/10/2020	€ 189,976.00	€ 24,780.00
EDUCLAB Education and Digital Cultural Laboratory	Erasmus+	01/11/2018	30/01/2021	€ 268,367.00	€ 44,265.00
HEALTHY HELPing Active Lives through Targeting Healthy Youth	Erasmus+	01/11/2018	31/08/2021	€ 189,860.00	€ 19,726.00
proADAS promotion of Active Digital Ageing Skills	Erasmus+	01/11/2018	31/10/2020	€ 206,777.00	€ 38,376.00
Feed2IoT Technical and Social Sensor Aggregation for Smart Environment Enhancement	RESTART 2016 - 2020	01/11/2018	31/05/2021	€ 270,007.60	€ 68,362.80

Project Title	Funding Programme	Start Date	End Date	Amount Total (Euro)	Amount EUC (Euro)
ENREAC-HEI Enhance researchers and HEI staff' skills and competences in data management and research integrity to increase academia collaboration capacity	Erasmus+	01/12/2018	30/11/2020	€ 164,562.00	€ 25,784.00
AQ SERVE Air Quality Services for a cleaner air in Cyprus	RESTART 2016 - 2020	06/12/2018	05/12/2021	€ 999,994.20	€ 115,000.80
CancerNanoMED	RESTART 2016 - 2020	21/12/2018	20/12/2022	€ 995,812.00	€ 39,552.00
EMERGENT Gender awareness and implementation strategies in STEM Education	Erasmus+	31/12/2018	30/07/2021	€ 132,705.00	€ 16,133.00
UNiMED	RESTART 2016 - 2020	01/01/2019	31/12/2021	€ 159,992.00	€ 152,792.00
JP-COOPS Judicial and Police Cooperation Preventing Radicalisation Towards Terrorism	Justice Action Grant JUST-JTRA-EJTR-AG-2017	01/01/2019	30/06/2021	€ 767,299.02	€ 35,250.36
GRATOS Graph Theoretical Tools in Sciences	RESTART 2016 - 2020	01/01/2019	31/12/2021	€ 248,960.96	€ 156,800.96
HALT Halting Harassment and Abuse in Sports using Learning Technologies	Erasmus+	01/01/2019	31/12/2021	€ 399,983.00	€ 63,380.00
CyMOFs " Multifunctional Metal Organic Frameworks and the Fine Tuning of their Magnetic, Photoluminescence and Sorption Properties through Single - Crystal Ligand Exchange Reactions"	RESTART 2016 - 2020	01/01/2019	31/12/2021	€ 250,000.00	€ 12,000.00

Project Title	Funding Programme	Start Date	End Date	Amount Total (Euro)	Amount EUC (Euro)
Programmes for Inclusion in the Labour Market	Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund	01/02/2019	31/07/2020	€ 48,983.32	€ 48,983.32
Provision of consulting services and physical object implementation within the project 'Mediterranean Diet- When Brand Meets People	Other-Tenders\Troodos Development	11/02/2019	31/01/2022		€ 54,200.00
CYGNUS Cyprus models for Galaxies and their Nuclear Spectra	European Space Agency	01/06/2019	31/05/2021		€ 138,098.00
BioMERA BioMERA-platform	RESTART 2016 - 2020	03/06/2019	31/10/2022	€ 999,964.00	€ 3,600.00
Atlas BrAin AcTiVity AnaLysis in Addiction and Sleep	RESTART 2016 - 2020	01/07/2019	30/06/2021	159,840.00	€ 25,920.00
ImmunoTNBC-TME Optimizing immunotherapy in triple-negative breast cancer by normalizing the tumor microenvironment	RESTART 2016-2020	11/07/2019	30/11/2021	€ 159,960.00	€ 15,600.00
TOTAL				€8,184,572.10	€1,269,089.24

7.4. Participation in Research Projects

Research activity at European University Cyprus covers both Basic and Applied research as well as the Arts. Faculty members of European University Cyprus participate in a number of projects, 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). During the academic year 2018-2019, faculty members of European University Cyprus published more than 170 articles in international Scopus indexed journals in a very broad range of research areas: Computer Science, Physical Sciences and Engineering, Medicine, Dentistry, Health and Life Sciences, Education Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences, Business Administration.

7.5. Research Centers

7.5.1. Assistive Technology Lab

The Assistive Technology Lab of the European University Cyprus was established between the years 2015-2016 and it is currently a collaboration between the Department of Education Sciences and the Department of Health Sciences (Programme of Occupational Therapy) of European University Cyprus. The Lab aims at the development and implementation of innovative and effective approaches to research, instruction, learning and rehabilitation with the use of assistive technology for people with disabilities of all ages.

The research and teaching activities of the Lab are focused on: (a) an interdisciplinary approach to research of Assistive Technology (e.g. access and accessibility, communication, digital competencies for all, universal design, professionals' collaboration in rehabilitation and education of children with disabilities etc); (b) the information of the theoretical approaches to the implementation of assistive technology in authentic learning and everyday life environments; (c) teaching approaches that unify the various individual scientific disciplines of education, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy and humanities for the promotion of the rights and the quality of life of people with disabilities.

Teaching Infrastructure

The Lab holds sufficient space and appropriate equipment for hosting classes for 25-30 students. Its equipment includes low and high tech technology, such as augmentative and alternative communication devices, equipment for accessing digital technology, mobile devices, accessible educational software, high tech applications such as eye-gaze and eye-control, programmable surfaces and interactive whiteboard. It also holds 25 desktop computers, a whiteboard, and an LCD projector with sound-system, which is among others being used for commenting on video clips of implementation of assistive technology for access, communication, learning and rehabilitation.

Research Infrastructure

The Lab holds mobile video equipment, equipment of managing, storing, and processing video clips, and software for editing (Adobe Premiere) and analysing (Transana) data, as well as other qualitative (Nvivo, ATLASTi) and quantitative data analysis (SPSS) data. In addition, the assistive technology equipment is used in research programmes for the development and implementation of innovative approaches (eg eye-gaze protocols for access and communication).

Other Activities

In addition to the above teaching and research activities, the Lab is also involved in activities open to the public such as training programmes, awareness events, assessment and consultancy for the use of assistive technology. All of the activities of the Assistive Technology Lab are often combined with activities and additional equipment of the Occupational Therapy Lab, which is mostly specialised in mobility, siting and position, robotics in rehabilitation and sensory integration. See here an example of other activities of our Assistive Technology Lab: <https://sites.google.com/site/aacawarenessincyprus/home>

Membership

The Lab is directed by Dr Katerina Mavrou, Assistant Professor of Inclusive Education and Assistive Technology, at the Department of Education Science, of the European University Cyprus, in collaboration with Dr Pavlina Psychouli, Lecturer in Occupational Therapy, at the Department of Health Sciences of the European University Cyprus. Other members of the Lab are Faculty members and Special Teaching Personnel of the two departments, and the Speech and Language Therapy Programmes, graduate students and external collaborators.

Projects

- **2019-2022: NEw MONitoring guidelines to develop innovative ECEC teachers curricula**
Funded by: KA2, Erasmus +, European Commission
Budget: €357,197.00
Coordinator: ALMA MATER STUDIORUM - UNIVERSITA DI BOLOGNA, Italy
- **2019-2022: BLENDI: Blended Learning for Inclusion**
Funded by: KA2, Erasmus +, European Commission
Budget: €365,000.00
Coordinator: DIAKONIA-AMMATTIKORKEAKOULUOY, Finland
- **2016-2019: The Living Book - Augmenting Reading for Life (2016-1-CY01-KA201-017315)**
Funded by: KA2, Erasmus +, European Commission
Budget: €373,105.00
Coordinator: European University Cyprus
- **2017-2019: SIDE (Supporting Innovative models for Deaf youth Empowerment) (2016-3-AT02-KA205-001739)**
Funded by: KA2, Erasmus +, European Commission
Budget: €190,030.00
Coordinator: Auxilium, Austria
- **2017-2019: Gaze-based assistive technology in communication and education for children with complex needs**
Supported by: Linköping University, Sweden
In Collaboration with: Stockholm University
Coordinator: Linköping University, Sweden
Funding: Resource based funding through MoU between EUC & Stockholm University
- **July -Dec 2018: Assistive technology effectiveness in daily living for the quality of life and participation of people with dementia. A systematic literature review**
Supported by: European University Cyprus
In Collaboration with: Erasmus Internship Collaborator
- **Publications in refereed journals**
MAVROU, K. (in press). Assisting people with Physical Disabilities through technology. In A. Tatnall (eds), Encyclopedia of Education and Information Systems. Springer, Cham.
Meletiou-Mavrotheris, M., MAVROU, K., Chatzipanayiotou, P. & Vryonides, M. (2018). Taking digital teaching and learning seriously at European University Cyprus, International Journal of Euro-Mediterranean Studies, 11, 49-56.
Desmond, D., Layton, N., Bentley, J. Boot, F.H., Borg, J., Dhungana, B.M., Gallagher, P., Gitlow, L., Gowran, R.J., Groce, N., MAVROU, K., Mackeogh, T., McDonald, R., Pettersson, C. & Scherer, M. (2018). Assistive Technology and People: A Position Paper from the First Global Research, Innovation, and Education on Assistive Technology (GREAT) Summit. Journal: Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology. (in press). 13(5), 437-444.

Presentations in Conferences

- **MAVROU K., Meletiou-Mavrotheris M. & Charalambous C. (2019).** Augmenting Reading through technology: The Living Book Project. Paper presented at the 15th AAATE International Conference, 28-30 August 2019, University of Bologna, Italy.
- **PSYCHOULI P., Katzis K. & Elliott M.** "Home-based training support for stroke patients using the Leap Motion and Stand InExercise stand", ICIMTH 2018: Athens, Greece.

Outreach Activities

■ **Event: Innovative Models for Empowering the Young Deaf: Pilot implementation of the SIDE curriculum**

Organization: Department of Education Sciences, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, and Education Sciences

Coordinator: Dr. Katerina Mavrou

Organizing committee: Dr. Katerina Mavrou, Dr. Eleni Theodorou, Ms. Kyproula Makri, Mr. Christos Tiniakos

Trainers: Mr. Cosmas Cherchel, Mr. Valentinos Michael and Mr. Iakovos Nicolaou

Place: EUC LAB020

Dates: 7, 10, 14 & 17 November 2018

The training aimed to pilot the SIDE project (Erasmus+) curriculum. The curriculum involved the design and implementation of a blended learning model which combines face to face, online and off-class educational activities aiming at the improvement of the employability opportunities for young deaf people, through the development of digital and job search skills. The pilot implementation included a training event of four face-to-face 3 hours training sessions, as well as a number of online, distance learning and off-classroom activities. Fifteen young deaf people (ages 20-30) participated in the training.

■ **Event: Empowering deaf youth for accessing labour market: The example of the SIDE Programme**

Organization: Department of Education Sciences, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, and Education Sciences

Coordinator: Dr. Katerina Mavrou

Organizing committee: Dr. Katerina Mavrou, Dr. Eleni Theodorou, Ms. Kyproula Makri, Mr. Christos Tiniakos

Speakers: Dr. Katerina Mavrou, Dr. Eleni Theodorou, Mr. Christos Tiniakos, Ms. Eleni Markantoni, Ms. Katerina Charitou, Round Table Discussion with interested stakeholders

Place: EUC Amphitheatre Delta

Date: 15 December 2018

The colloquium involved a presentation of the SIDE project (Erasmus +), which aimed to develop an educational curriculum that empowers young deaf people for accessing the labour market. The event also included a workshop as well as an Assistive Technology Open Lab for all participants.

Proposals submitted

■ **SKATE (Skills & Knowledge on (Assistive) Technology in Early Childhood Inclusive Education), 2019-1-IT02-KA201-062875**

Erasmus+, KA2

Submitted March 2019

Result: unsuccessful

Coordinator: AIAS Onlus Bologna & Municipality of Bologna, Italy

■ **School for All**

Erasmus+, KA2

Submitted March 2019

Result: unsuccessful

Coordinator: TECHNISCHE UNIVERSITAET DRESDEN, Germany

■ **ABI (ASD GAMES- Co-Created assistive games for Autism Spectrum disorder to enhance inclusion) 2019-1-CY01-KA204-058348**

Erasmus+, KA2

Submitted March 2019

Result: eligible, not funded (total score 83)

Coordinator: European University Cyprus, Cyprus

- **ACCESS (Unaccompanied Minors Essential Employability Skills Development through a holistic Training and Policy Approach) 2019-1-CY-EPPKA3-IPI-SOC-IN**
Erasmus+, KA3
Submitted March 2019
Result: unsuccessful
Coordinator: European University Cyprus, Cyprus
- **SEXTING (BEHIND SEXTING: INTERGENERATIONAL DIGITAL SEX EDUCATION)**
Erasmus+, KA2
Submitted March 2019
Result: eligible, not funded
Coordinator: AEVA - ASSOCIACAO PARA A EDUCACAO E VALORIZACAO DA REGIAO DE AVEIRO

Plans for 2019-2020

Proposals under preparation:

- **ASSISTidTECH: European COST Network in Assistive Technologies for Intellectual Disability and Autism**

COST Action

To be submitted November 2019

Main Proposer: DOCTRID Research Institute, Ireland

- **InclusiveUNI: Inclusive Higher Education**

COST Action

To be submitted November 2019

Main Proposer: National Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece

- **Re-Submission of SKATE, ABI and SEXTING**

Outreach Activities:

- **Assistive Technology Awareness Open Days**

Planned for October - November 2019, under the Augmentative and Alternative Communication International Month (October) and the International Disability Day (3 December).

Activities in Schools for AT and AAC awareness

Lectures open to the public on Assistive Technology research at EUC and globally

Livestreaming of the ATAAC Conference in Croatia (in collaboration with the conference organisers) – 16-17 October 2019

Workshops for educators and other professionals

All activities will be supported by the students of the MA in Special & Inclusive Education and the BSc in Occupational Therapy

- **Contest for the AT Lab logo: The aim is to have a contest for EUC Graphic Design and Art students for designing the lab logo**

7.5.2. Cultural Studies and Contemporary Arts Lab



Projects

■ The CSCA Lab acts/acted as partner to the following projects:

- 2019-2020, Project Partner: Contested Heritage: Interpreting archaeological collections in Cyprus with Syrian adolescent refugees, Funded by UCL Global Engagement Fund, London UK [Budget: £2,000] – Lead Researcher: Elena Stylianou
- 2017-2019, Project leader: Ar(t)chaeology: Intersections of Photography and Archaeology, Cultural Services, Ministry of Education and Culture, Nicosia, Cyprus [Budget: €12,000] - Lead Researcher: Elena Stylianou

The following projects were led by Dr Elena Stylianou, leader of the CSCA Lab.

- 2018-2020, Local Coordinator (for Cyprus): EDUCLAB: Education and Digital Culture Laboratory, Erasmus+ KA2 Cooperation for Innovation and the Exchange of Good Practice, KA201 Strategic Partnerships for School Education, Italy [Budget: €268,367.00]
- 2018-2019, Research Associate/Consultancy: State Gallery for Contemporary Art, Cultural Policy and Museological study for the new State Gallery in Nicosia, Cyprus, Funded by the Cultural Services, Ministry of Education and Culture, Nicosia, Cyprus [Budget: €15,000]
- 2016-2020, Member of Management Committee – Action 15201: ARKWORK: Archaeological practices and knowledge work in the digital environment, COST-European Cooperation in Science and Technology [Budget: €48million]

Publications in refereed journals

Articles in Journals

- Stylianou E. (2019). "Affect and Trauma in Museums: An interpretive framework for understanding the real thing and its political potential", *Museum Management and Curatorship*.
- Stylianou E. & Philippou N. (2019). "Miniature Landscape: Sharqi, The Instant Photograph and the re-invention of Cyprus' image", *photographies*, 12 (1), 99-116.
- Stylianou E. (2019). 'Book Review: "After the Agreement: Contemporary photography in Northern Ireland" by Sarah Tuck', *Visual Studies*.
- Symeou L. & Stylianou E. (2019). "Teachers' representations of the 'typical' parent", *International Journal about Parents in Education*, 11 (1), 19-36.

Chapters in book

- Stylianou E. & Philippou N. (2018). "Greek-Cypriot Locality: (Re)defining our Understanding of European Modernity", in P. Meecham (ed.) *A Companion to Modern Art* (pp.339-358). Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

Presentations in Conferences

- 2019, June: Hadjipapa-Gee S. (Keynote). "The persistence of the symbols: a contemporary Book of Hours", at the conference Improving the quality of Life, CySea, EUC.
- 2019 April: Anastasiades Tasos & Gibson Neil. Presentation of the comic book *The Traveller*. Cyprus Comic Conference, Nicosia.
- 2019, February: Stylianou E., Eleftheriadou A. & Toumazis Y. "Ar[t]chaeology: Intersections of Archaeology and Contemporary Art", Poster Session, 107th CAA Annual Conference, New York.

- **2018, November: Hadjipapa-Gee S. & Vermeer G.** "Silence in the City: a festival about walking, Emptiness and intimacy", Elia Biennial, Rotterdam.
- **2018, February (Invited): Stylianou E. & Markidou T.** «Cultural Heritage and Contemporary Art Practice, Workshop», The past in the present: Cultural Heritage as Repository of Knowledge and Source for Creative Practice in Education, Unesco and A.G. Leventis Gallery, Nicosia, Cyprus.
- **2018, January (Invited): Stylianou E. & Eleftheriadou A.** «Ar(t)chaeology: Intersections of Photography and Archaeology», Body & Exhibit: The historic artefact as a starting point for contemporary art production [Σώμα & Έκθεμα - Το ιστορικό έκθεμα ως σημείο έναρξης για τη σύγχρονη δημιουργία], Bank of Cyprus Cultural Foundation, Nicosia, Cyprus.

Outreach Activities

- **6-9 May 2019, 5th International Motion Festival, Beyond a Film Festival**, organized by CSCA lab and supported by EUC, Nicosia, Cyprus. <http://www.motionfestivalcyprus.com>
- **5-7 April, 2019: Sophia Hadjipapa and Tasos Anastasiades**, "Colour Troubles" Children's Illustrations workshops and exhibition, organized by CSCA Lab EUC.
- **22-24 November 2018, 5th International Conference of Photography and Theory**, Nicosia, Cyprus, organized by IAPT and supported among others by the CSCA Lab. www.photographyandtheory.com
- **20 November 2018. Here and There, In Dialogue: The State of the Monument.** Roundtable discussion organized by the CSCA Lab and Nimac, associated with the Pierides Foundation, at Teatro Polis, Nicosia, Cyprus. Speakers: Prof. Pamela Meecham, UCL and Nicolas Lambouris, Frederick University. Discussant: Dr Elena Stylianou.

Proposals submitted

- **AMusEd (Museum Education for All), Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices**, Erasmus+ KA2 Strategic Partnership in the field of Youth, Cyprus [Budget: €299,345.00] – unsuccessful.

Other activities by members of the lab

Solo exhibitions

- **Sophia Hadjipapa-Gee, "Book of Hours"**, Galeria Casa Matei, 4th-6th June, 2019, Cluj, Romania
- **Sophia Hadjipapa-Gee, "Book of Hours"**, Galeria Waszyngtona, 19th -30th June, 2019, Czystohowa, Poland

Group exhibitions

- **Sophia Hadjipapa-Gee, My life on hold**, Visione Altre Gallery, 1-30 May, 2019, Venice, Italy.
- **Sophia Hadjipapa-Gee, O, Tempora**, Municipal Art Gallery, 2 -30 August, Samokov, Bulgaria 2019.
- **Sophia Hadjipapa-Gee, 2nd Art & Aqua International forum**, 7-14 September, 2018
- **Sophia Hadjipapa-Gee, Terra Culta International Painting and Sculpture Symposium**, Municipal Art Gallery, 2-30 August, Samokov, Bulgaria 2018

Stage and costume design

- **Sophia Hadjipapa-Gee, Lady Lazarus**, 2nd Platform of Monodrama, Rialto Theatre, 3March, 2019.

Art Publications

- **Stylianou E., Eleftheriadou A. & Toumazis Y. (2019).** Ar(t)chaeology: Intersections of Photography and Archaeology. Nicosia, Cyprus: IAPT Press (International Association of Photography and Theory Press).
- **Anastasiades T. & Gibson N. (2019).** The Traveller. London, UK: T-PUB press
- **Anastasiades T. & Sraosha P. (2019).** de amore. Athens, Greece: Bibliothèque

Exhibition Curation

- May 2019: Lhasa by Andrei Budescu, Film photography exhibition, in association with IMF and A.G. Leventis Gallery. Curators: **Elena Stylianou & Sophia Hadjipapa.**
- November 2018 – January 2019: Ar(t)chaeology: Intersections of Photography and Archaeology, International Association of Photography and Theory, Nicosia Municipal Arts Center, Associated with the Pierides Foundation, Nicosia, Cyprus. Curators: **Elena Stylianou, Artemis Eleftheriadou, Yiannis Toumazis.**

Research Report

Stylianou-Lamber, T. & Stylianou, E. (2018) Study for the Establishment and Operation of the Cyprus Museum of Art, Cultural Services, Ministry of Education and Culture, Nicosia: Cyprus.

Plans for 2019-2020

The Lab already leads funded projects that run until 2020 (see projects above). In the meantime, there are plans to submit at least one more proposal so that the project Contested Heritage: Interpreting archaeological collections in Cyprus with Syrian adolescent refugees (Funded by UCL Global Engagement Fund, London UK) receives more funding from the EU. An expanded network of partners has already been established.

The leader of the lab, Dr Elena Stylianou is currently working on an edited book project that is expected to be published in 2020 by Bloomsbury, as well as on a chapter in a different book volume (refereed). More so, she is planning to work on two more articles to be submitted to selected peer-reviewed journals.

Stylianou has been invited as speaker to a forthcoming international symposium in Limassol, organized by EKATE and will be submitting papers to at least one more international conference.

Tha Lab is also in collaboration with the International Association of Photography and Theory (IAPT) and they are planning a conference and an exhibition for 2020. Proposals for funding will be submitted to the Ministry of Education and Culture.

Sophia Hadjipapa is also planning further presentations and exhibitions of her “Book of Hours” project and a publication of the project in the form of an Artist Book.

7.5.3. Center for Sustainable Management of Tourism, Sport & Events (CESMATSE)



The Center for Sustainable Management of Tourism, Sport & Events (CESMATSE) is an autotelic research unit within the EUC School of Business Administration devoted to the advancement of scholarship and praxis on the sustainable management of tourism, sport and events sectors in order to enable their subsequent contribution to the sustainable development of host communities.

Membership

- Nikolaos Boukas, Ph.D. Tourism Management
- Christakis Sourouklis, Ph.D. Hospitality Management
- External Member: Vassilios Ziakas, Ph.D. Sport Management (University of St Mark & St John, UK.)

Projects

- **ERASMUS + - Hotel Academy (2019-Ongoing), Research associate from Cyprus (No. 2019-1-FR01-KA202-063097)**
Integration Programs in the Labor Market, European Funds Unit of the Ministry of Interior /Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, Ministry of Interior
- Culturizing Sustainable Cities (2014-Ongoing), Research associate from Cyprus, Center for Social Studies, University of Coimbra, Portugal (<https://www.ces.uc.pt/projectos/culturizing/>)

Publications in Refereed Journals

- **Boukas N. (2019).** Rural tourism and residents' well-being in Cyprus: towards a conceptualized framework of the appreciation of rural tourism for islands sustainable development and competitiveness. *International Journal of Tourism Anthropology*, 7(1), pp. 60-86.

Presentations in Conferences

- **Ioannou M. and Boukas N. (2019).** Exploring co-experience practices in Cypriot rural tourism destinations, *International Conference of Tourism (ICOT 2019): Tourism into the New Decade: Challenges and Prospects*, Braga, Portugal, 26-29 June.
- **Boukas N., Sourouklis C. and Iordanous O. (2019).** Identifying perceptions of young tourists in summer resort destinations: the case of Cyprus, *International Conference of Tourism (ICOT 2019): Tourism into the New Decade: Challenges and Prospects*, Braga, Portugal, 26-29 June.
- **Sourouklis C., Boukas N., Tofinis P. and Iordanous O. (2019).** Environmental management practices implementation in island destinations; the case of 3 to 5 star hotels in Ayia Napa and Protaras coastal line resorts in Cyprus, *International Conference of Tourism (ICOT 2019): Tourism into the New Decade: Challenges and Prospects*, Braga, Portugal, 26-29 June.

Outreach Activities

- **Maintenance of CESMATSE website in Greek and English (<http://cesmatse.weebly.com/>)**

Other activities

Editorship:

- **Boukas N. (2019).** Special Issue: Niche Tourism and Residents' Well-being in Island Destinations, *International Journal of Tourism Anthropology* (Forthcoming). *International Journal of Tourism Anthropology*, 7(1), pp. 1-4.
- **Boukas N. (2019).** Book Review Editor for the *International Journal of Tourism Policy* (Appointment from January 2019).

Organisation and Chair of Special Session:

- **Boukas N. and Ioannou M. (2019).** Niche Tourism: Sustainability and Diversification Strategies, *International Conference of Tourism (ICOT 2019): Tourism into the New Decade: Challenges and Prospects*, Braga, Portugal, 26-29 June.

Evaluator of H2020:

- **Boukas N. (2019).** H2020-SC6-TRANSFORMATIONS-2018-2019-2020 - (Socioeconomic and Cultural Transformations in the Context of the Fourth Industrial Revolution)

Membership in Scientific Committees

- **Boukas N. (2019).** *International Conference of Tourism (ICOT 2019): Tourism into the New Decade: Challenges and Prospects*, Braga, Portugal, 26-29 June.
- **Boukas N. (2019).** The 1st International Conference on Tourism and Entrepreneurship (ICTE): Heritage, Hospitality, and Sustainable Practice in Tourism Marketing and Retail Service, Belitung, Indonesia, 24-25 October.

Plans for 2019-2020

- **Boukas N. (2020).** Chair of the *International Conference of Tourism (ICOT 2020): Tourism in Uncertain Times: Issues and Challenges*, Crete, Greece, 24-27 June.
- **Boukas N. and Ioannou M. (Under Review),** Co-creating visitor experiences in cultural heritage museums: the road towards sustainable tourism development, *Tourism Planning and Development*.

Implementation of the Current Projects

- Enrich scholarship of the center with further publications and participation in conferences.
- Seeking partnerships with other institutions for joining in projects related to tourism and events.
- Maintenance of the Center's webpages.

7.5.4. Center of Excellence in Risk and Decision Sciences (CERIDES – Excellence in Innovation and Technology)



Membership

Directors - Prof. George Boustras, Director & Co-Founder - Dr. Christos Dimopoulos, Associate Director & Co-Founder	- Dr. Ioanna Danidou - Dr. Christiana Markou Adjunct Faculty - Prof. Jean-Luc Wybo	- Mr. Paris Messios - Ms. Lasica Ilona-Elefertyja - Mr. Vangelis Katsaros - Ms. Olga Nicolaidou - Mr. Benson Chizubem - Mr. Izu Obassi - Mr. Michalis Georgiou
Faculty - Dr. Konstantinos Katzis - Dr. Apostolos Zaravinos - Dr. Demetris Hadjiloucas - Dr. Pericles Leng Cheng	Research Fellows - Dr. Cleo Varianou Mikellidou - Dr. Ioannis Anyfantis - Dr. George Kioumourtzis - Researchers and PhD Candidates	Honorary Research Fellow - Mr. Michalis Papamichael

More information on our membership at <https://cerides.euc.ac.cy/#section-our-team>

Current Projects

■ SAFED: “Safety, Fire & Design: Simulation for Fire Safety Training-SAFED”

SAFED project aims to improve the preparedness and work safety of firefighters for future crises, emergencies, national catastrophes by developing an innovative e-training program based on a successfully tested and implemented simulation model coupled with state-of-the-art scientific knowledge and based on capability gaps as these will be identified from a comprehensive needs analysis in 3 countries: Spain, Greece and Cyprus.

The challenges that firefighters face today are ever changing due to the complexity of the incidents and the increased demands for service. Fire services need firefighters who can evaluate critical issues under complex conditions and make fast & reasonable judgments reflecting on scientific knowledge & experiences to reduce the chance of error. Thus, it is of paramount importance to provide more and varied training and find new & improved ways to train firefighters which optimize the fidelity of actual task performance, while minimizing physical danger & monetary costs.

Call: KA202: Asociaciones Estratégicas

Duration: (11/19 – 10/21)

Website: <https://safed-training.weebly.com/>



■ **Feed2IoT: “Technical and Social sensor aggregation for smart environment enhancement”**

In this project, we propose the identification, utilization and analysis of the underlying feedback loop between the smart city monitoring environment and information posted in social media networks (such as Twitter and Facebook) to enhance the understanding and insights of the IoT monitored urban environment signals. Our proposal plans to integrate the identified feedback loop as an additional application-level service in the existing CyRIC IoT platform, open to developers, startups, policy makers, city officials and citizens, for assessing the state of the city and implementing new innovative applications. Below we list the specific scientific and technological objectives of the project.

Call: EXCELLENCE/1216/0478

Duration: (11/19 – 10/22)

Website: <https://feed2iot.eu/wordpress/>



■ **DataPro: “Updating the EU Data Protection Field”**

In an increasingly data driven world, cybersecurity is no longer just a concern for experts. Our proposed project is establishing a solid regional partnership in Greece, Cyprus and Germany, responding to the challenges of the new European data protection regime that is being shaped by the adoption on 27 April 2016, of a General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2016/679. Since there is no common European framework on skills and competences needed in data protection Sector, business Sector is facing a rising skills mismatch between data protection employees across European countries with different occupational profile on skills and competences and most importantly, different level of legislation/integration on data protection.

DataPro aims to incorporate the new digital mentality that is being shaped to companies, employees and young learners, while responding to the fragmented certification system in the field.

Project's Objectives (P.O.) are to:

P.O.1: Foster employability of young learners and employees

P.O.2: Enhance transparency and harmonization of Sectoral skills and qualifications.

P.O.3: Support the preparation and setting-up of a new Joint VET Curricula

P.O.4: Create a standardized VET Certification for DPOs

P.O.5: Develop a new Work Based Learning Scheme

P.O.6: Foster cross-border, transnational and interregional mobility

Call: ERASMUS+/EA/27/2017

Duration: (11/18 – 10/20)

Website: <https://www.datapro-project.eu>



■ SAT-LAW: “Strategic Assessment for LAW and Police Cooperation”

Objectives of SAT – LAW include: Contribute to a bi-annual case-based report (art.37) to the EC on the application of Directive 2104/41/EU, on the basis of both qualitative and quantitative information, including the coherence, harmonization and interrelation with other judicial instruments to harmonize judicial and police cooperation.

The anticipated results are: increased capacity of national authorities to address issues related to judicial cooperation in criminal matters; Align the EU acquis and relevant case-law of the CJEU/ECtHR; prosecutors and judges have further specialised knowledge and experience in respective fields; Closer cooperation between LEAs, Prison Police and Judiciary; increased awareness of policy makers and technocrats related to judicial cooperation in criminal matters.

The project is led by the Italian Ministry of Justice – Regional Directorate of the Penitentiary Administration of Triveneto, based in Padua, and will be implemented by a partnership of 9 centers of excellence from 8 European countries:

- European University Cyprus;
- Kentro Meleton Asfaleias (KEMEA), Greece;
- Agenfor International Foundation, Italy;
- Czech Technical University (C-VUT), Czech Republic;
- Euro-Arab Foundation (FUNDEA), Spain;
- University of Granada, Spain;
- University of Malta, Malta;
- Center for the Study of Democracy (CSD), Bulgaria;
- University of Toulouse II (Le Mirail), France.

Call: JUST-AG-2017

Duration: (09/18 – 12/20)

Website: <http://www.satlawproject.eu>



■ AQ-Serve: “Air Quality Services for cleaner air in Cyprus”

Cyprus is centrally located in the Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East (EMME), a region with a population of about 400 million, affected by dust storms, dryness, heat extremes and unparalleled air pollution. The EMME has been identified as one of the few climate change “hot spots”, with adverse impacts by extreme weather events and poor air quality, which are expected to exacerbate in the coming decades. Air pollution, especially particulate matter (PM), plays a crucial role in regional climate (temperature, precipitation) and has major adverse health effects.

AQ-SERVE will combine innovative technical developments with new scientific knowledge on the characterization and prediction of air quality in order to provide the first-ever evaluation of the health impact and risk assessment of air pollution in Cyprus. Different scenarios (abatement measures) will be tested in a coupled Air Quality/Health & Risk model with the objective to define efficient mitigation measures, which can be translated to the public authorities (National Air Quality Action Plan).

Call: INTEGRATED/0916/0016



■ **JP-COOPS: “Judicial and Police Cooperation Preventing Radicalisation Towards Terrorism”**

The Objectives of the project are:

1. Address gaps in JHA cross-border cooperation through the expansion and coordination of existing training networks;
2. Design new innovative legal training contents;
3. Deliver up-scalable and modular Toolkit of the Toolkits to accommodate national differences to counter radicalization while enhancing Fundamental Rights.

The foreseen Activities of the project are:

- 5 Training Living Labs (TLL) to jurisdictionalize preventive practices in all European regions for 50 interagency experts;
- Handbook (1000 copies) to train trainers on the use of judiciary measures as a Risk Reduction Tool, case-law of ECtHR, CJEU, FRA and EC Guidelines;-Comprehensive Packages for Delivering Large Scale Training on Radicalisation composed by 5 new training modules framed within the HERMES LMS;
- 2 ToT (26 participants) and 56 Interagency Training Courses, to strengthen the existing network of National Trainers to reinforce Police and Judicial Cooperation aimed at the Prevention of Radicalisation in 26 MSs;
- International Dissemination:1 Int'l Conference+Multimedia Campaign.

Persons benefiting from the project:

- 113 among judges, court staff, investigative judge, public prosecutors, and lawyers;
- 113 LEAs;
- 500 Prison Police, prison staff and surveillance judges/courts;
- 75 Private Experts.

The Expected results of the project are:

- an increased capacity of national authorities to address issues related to judicial cooperation in cases of radicalisation;
- to align the EU acquis and relevant case-law of the CJEU/ECtHR with EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and other international instruments;
- the reinforcement of the existing network of contact points of Judicial training providers.

The members of the JP-COOPS Consortium are:

- UNIVERSITY OF MALTA - COORDINATOR;
- UNIVERSIDAD REY JUAN CARLOS (SPAIN);
- FONDAZIONE AGENFOR INTERNATIONAL (ITALY);
- CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF DEMOCRACY (BULGARIA);
- KEMEA (GREECE);
- HOCHSCHULE FUR OFFENTLICHE VERWALTUNG (GERMANY);
- THE INSTITUTE FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES (IES) AT THE VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT BRUSSEL (BELGIUM);
- THE CENTER FOR RISK AND DECISION SCIENCES (CERIDES) AT THE EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY CYPRUS (CYPRUS);
- ASSOCIATION MILITANTS DES SAVOIRS (FRANCE);
- CZECH TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY (CZECH REPUBLIC).

This project has received funding from the European Commission Directorate-General Justice and Consumers under the Agreement no. 807032.

Call: JUST-AG-2017

Duration: (01/19 – 08/21)

Website: <https://jpcoopsproject.eu/>



■ **MEDEA: “Mediterranean practitioners’ network & capacity building for effective response to emerging security challenges”**

Europe is a mobile society and mobility is at the heart of our sustainable development. The creation of the Schengen area without internal borders has brought important benefits to European citizens and businesses alike. In order to ensure a high level of internal security and the free movement of persons within Schengen, the absence of internal borders in the Schengen area requires strong and reliable external borders. Thus, securing Schengen area is the cornerstone of ensuring European Union coherence, but still only one part of the security equation. EU is facing many other challenges and the security agenda is getting more and more complex and demanding and thus security practitioners must remain vigilant in order to confront all challenges. The protection of Europe’s societies has become an all-hazards effort not geographically and culturally bound.

In the future, the response to multiple threats in the Mediterranean and Black Sea region will have to function in an environment in which advances in technology and the evolution of society and the geopolitical situation of the region may significantly affect both the nature of threats and of the response. MEDEA’s response to this challenge is through the establishment of a network driven and operated by practitioners, whose daily jobs and concerns is to make the M&BS societies more secure and safer.

Call: SEC-21-GM-2016-2017

Duration: (06/18 – 05/23)

Website: <http://alter-project.eu/about/>



■ **ALTER: “Alliance for Disaster Risk Reduction”**

The Alliance for Disaster Risk Reduction project, or ALTER for short, focuses on establishing public-private partnerships to understand and address flood risks that may stem from water and mining dam failures. Know-how, technologies and experience from the European Union will be transferred to Armenia. Activities will stress the importance of full cooperation between local communities, non-governmental organizations, government ministries, and private-sector companies. Project’s duration is 24 months and is co-financed by the European Union’s Humanitarian Aid & Civil Protection Directorate. The project will focus on three pilot areas where dams and other activities present risks to local communities. The areas are the Akhtala and Teghut areas of Lori Marz along the Shamlugh river, the Vorotan Cascade and its associated dams in the Syunik region, and the Kapan and Voghji river basin of Syunik region.

Call: UCPM-2017-PP-AG

Duration: (01/18 – 12/19)

Website: <http://alter-project.eu/about/>



Publications in refereed journals – in 2019

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Developing an innovative framework for enhancing the resilience of critical infrastructure to climate change (2019) *Safety Science*, 118, pp. 364-378.

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Occupational health and safety management in the context of an ageing workforce (2019) *Safety Science*, 116, pp. 231-244.

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Outreach Activities

■ Nicosia Risk Forum

CERIDES is proud to report the successful completion of the 1st Annual Nicosia Risk Forum, which took place on 14 November 2018 at the premises of European University Cyprus. The event was attended by a significant number of top-level stakeholders from the government, academia, and industry.

The Forum was inaugurated by the Deputy Government Spokeswoman, Ms. Klelia Vasiliou, who stated that:

“I would like to congratulate CERIDES for organising this Forum for the first time in Cyprus, and I hope that such initiatives will become the norm. I would also like to take this opportunity to praise the multi-dimensional and rich work produced by CERIDES, focusing in the areas of Risk and Safety in Southeastern Europe. The Center of Excellence has already attracted more than €1.75 million through EU funding, employs a number of researchers, and participates in a significant number of European and National funded projects (Horizon 2020, Cyprus Research Promotion Foundation of Cyprus, DG-JUSTICE, ERASMUS+ etc.). The wide network of CERIDES industrial and academic partners showcases the level of trust and reliability it has gained, through its participation in productive partnerships with mutually beneficial results”.

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Nikos Christodoulides, provided the Keynote Speech of the Forum, and stated that:

“Cyprus National Security Strategy describes the ways and means to be employed toward achieving specific objectives in the larger context of promoting the national interest. The overarching objective is self-evident: to create an institutional framework which sets out the necessary conditions for the protection and safeguarding of the state’s independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and the resilience of society and state institutions”.

The Rector of European University Cyprus, Professor Kostas Gouliamos, stated that:

“We are very proud of CERIDES, which spearheads the efforts of European University Cyprus in the area of Excellence. CERIDES leads and guides the scientific staff of the University, and also its students, of both undergraduate and postgraduate level. I have to congratulate all the participants and especially the two co-founders of CERIDES, Professor George Boustras and Associate Professor Christos Dimopoulos”.

The Director of CERIDES Professor, George Boustras, stated that:

“This is the first time that a public Forum in Cyprus focuses on development of effective coordination mechanisms and sustainable partnerships between the public authorities and all related stakeholders such as the civil society, academic community, research centers and private companies. ”

Proposals Submitted

Over 30

Other Activities

■ Cleo Varianou Mikellidou candidate for Young Scientists Award

CERIDES Researcher Cleo Varianou Mikellidou was a candidate for the Young Scientists Awards at WOS 2019 with her research on Work-related factors & individual characteristics affecting workability of different age groups-challenges for OHSMs

■ Prof. George Boustras delivers Opening Keynote Speech at APSS2019 (Asia Pacific Symposium on Safety 2019)

Prof. George Boustras delivered the Opening Keynote Speech at APSS2019 (Asia Pacific Symposium on Safety 2019). The theme of the Keynote was “on the Interface of Safety and Security”. APSS was inaugurated in Gyeongju, Korea, in 1999 as the first international meeting on industrial safety covering Asia and Pacific regions. Since then, except in 2015, APSS has been successfully held every two years, with more than 200 scientists and engineers of relevant academic areas attending each time.

■ CERIDES joins Watershare

European University Cyprus has joined Watershare through CERIDES, its cross-disciplinary and cross-school Center of Excellence. The Watershare agreement was signed during a visit by Prof. George Boustras, CERIDES Director, to KWR on 3 October 2019. Prof. Boustras said he is looking forward to a fruitful collaboration: “We have a strong expertise in resilience and risk assessment for natural hazards, especially with regards to critical infrastructure”. “We have strong links with the water boards and first responders in Cyprus and in neighbouring countries (Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt), and we hope that we will become a strong hub for Watershare in the region, especially since climate change is expected to exacerbate hazards, challenges and risks for the water infrastructure in the eastern Mediterranean”.

■ CERIDES – MUARC Collaboration

European University Cyprus and Monash University of Australia signed on Friday 24 May a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for cooperation in the field of road safety. On behalf of European University Cyprus, the MoU was signed by Vice Rector, Professor Andreas Efstathiou and on behalf of Monash by Professor Dr. Judith Charlton. A press release issued by the High Commission of Australia says that the MoU will facilitate cooperation between the European University Cyprus’ Center for Excellence in Risk and Decision Science (CERIDES) and the Monash University Accident Research Center (MUARC). The Memorandum was signed in the presence of the Minister of Transport, Communications and Works, Vassiliki Anastassiadou, and the Australian High Commissioner, Sam Beever. Under the MoU, the partners will share best practices, develop road safety science, draft common projects, explore joint educational programs and encourage engagement between academia and civil society to assist authorities improve local road safety conditions.

Plans for 2019-2020

Our aim for 2020 and the years to come is to increase our numbers (membership, publications, conferences, funding). At the same time, we aim to become a regional hub for the areas of risk and decision sciences.

7.5.5. School of Medicine Research Center (SMRC)

The organization of the School of Medicine Research Center (SMRC) at European University Cyprus (EUC) is based on EU directives and international standards, and it has been founded in collaboration with distinguished scholars from Cyprus and abroad. It serves as the regional 'educational medical-platform', providing high-caliber education in medicine and healthcare, targeting not only residents of Cyprus, but also international medical student candidates from Europe, Asia, the Americas, Africa and the Middle East. With an emphasis on interdisciplinary approaches, EUC is one of the leading research institutions in Cyprus. During the last few years, the University has developed an intense action in a wide spectrum of ICT, Health, and Socioeconomic Sciences and Medical Humanities through coordination or participation in national, international and European Union-funded research programs. Sources of funding for research conducted by faculty members include the 8th Framework Programme, the Lifelong Learning 2007-2013 Programme, the Research Promotion Foundation, the United Nations, Governmental Bodies and others.

Membership (all full-time and adjunct members listed below)

- Anastasis Stephanou (Director)	- Ilias Nikas	- Nikos Karpettas
- Elizabeth Johnson	- Dimitrios Ntourakis	- Panagiotis Economides
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- Invited Speaker, Marathon Surgery Workshops, Keynote speaker, ELPEN Athens, 8-10 April 2019
- Invited Speaker, Arrhythmias Congress, Thessaloniki, 4- 6 April 2019. **Patrikios I.**
- Invited Speaker, European NeuroConvension, Birmingham, March 26-27 March 2019. **Patrikios I.**
- Invited Speaker, 21st Cardiology Conference of Central Greece, 5-7 October 2018
- Invited Speaker, "4th Edition of World Congress on Cancer Survivorship, Prevention, and Management" October 08-10, 2018 at Moscow. **Patrikios I.**
- **A. Stephanou** presented at the 11th Workshop of Cell Death, 6-11 May Fuiggi, Italy 2018
- **A. Stephanou** presented at 5th International Multi-thematic Scientific Bio0Medical Congress 2-4 November 2017, EUC, Cyprus
- **Prof. E. Johnson**, lecture "Neuroanatomy of Stress: Understanding Neural Circuits in Stress & Stress Disorders" at 1st International Congress of Institute of Stress Biology & Medicine, 20,01, 2017, Athens, Greece
- **Prof. E. Johnson**, Lecture "Learning about the brain" Brain Awareness Week, Federation of European Neuroscience Societies, Niarchos Foundation, May, 2018
- **E.N. Emmanouil-Nikoloussi**. Prevention of birth defects in contaminated areas. Special Invitation of the EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. Roundtable on Health risk prevention in EU areas characterized by High Environmental Pressure 6 December 2016 European Parliament - Room ASP1H3
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- **E.N. Emmanouil-Nikoloussi**. Particulate Matters-PM, Endocrine Disruptors and fetal disease susceptibility in polluted contaminated areas. Invited Lecture at the 15th International Conference on Nanosciences & Nanotechnologies (NN18) 3-6 July 2017, in Thessaloniki, Greece
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- **Spernovasilis N., Ierodiakonou D., Karakonstantis S., Milioni A., Markaki I., Kokorakis E., Tsioutis C.** Junior doctors' knowledge on antimicrobial use and antimicrobial resistance in Greece. 29th European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ECCMID), 13 – 16 April 2019, Amsterdam, Netherlands.
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- **Xenophontos P., Lavranos G., Manolopoulos P., Tsioutis C., Dardavesis T.** Validation Of FRAX As Predictor Of Short Term Recurrent Osteoporotic Fractures. European Federation of National Associations of Orthopaedics and Traumatology (EFORT) Lisbon, Portugal: 5 - 7 June 2019.
- **Xenophontos P., Lavranos G., Manolopoulos P., Dardavesis T., Tsioutis C.** Estimation Of Predictors Of Outcome In Elderly With Osteoporotic Hip Fractures. European Federation of National Associations of Orthopaedics and Traumatology (EFORT) Lisbon, Portugal: 5 - 7 June 2019.
- **Xanthos T.** Physiology and Pathophysiology of Cardiac Arrest and Resuscitation, Greek Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Company, Athens, October 2019
- **Xanthos T.** The need for interdisciplinary education and the development of soft skills for doctors and nurses, 2nd Polythematic Nursing Symposium, Mouzaki, Karditsa, March 2019
- **Xanthos T.** HEALTHY Erasmus+ Project, JSTE, Train the Trainers Meeting, Madrid 3-5 June 2019. The Healthy Project is a funded project in which European University is a partner.

- **Xanthos T.** European University Cyprus, Experimental Center ELPEN, Experimental Research Nursing, 7-8 June 2019
- **Xanthos T.** European University Cyprus, Experimental Center ELPEN, Intensive Summer School for Medical Students, June-July 2019
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- Nutritional status differences between young and elderly patients undergoing surgery for esophageal and gastroesophageal junction cancer 16th World Congress of the International Society for the Diseases of the Esophagus– Vienna, September 2018
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Gastric and gastroesophageal junction carcinomas: An analysis of the gastrectomy database of an academic Upper GI Unit in Greece 13th International Gastric Cancer Congress – Prague, May 201

Outreach Activities

- School of Medicine/School of Dentistry is planning to present Researcher's Night Event September 2018: 'Human Development-The Fundamentals of Human Life
- Jun 2019: Scientific coordinator, European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious (ESCMID) and European Committee on Infection Control (EUCIC) postgraduate module "Infection Prevention and Control: Surveillance and Metacompetence", Nicosia, Cyprus 10-11 June 2019. **Tsioutis C.**
- Sep 2018: Scientific coordinator, European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious (ESCMID) and European Committee on Infection Control (EUCIC) postgraduate module "Infection Prevention and Control: Surveillance and Metacompetence", Nicosia, Cyprus 20-21 September 2018. **Tsioutis C.**
- Summer School – Part 2: Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation for adults and newborns. Theoretical background and Practical Skills for Medical Students. EUC, Hellenic Society of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, and the Experimental, Educational and Research Center ELPEN, 10-12 June 2019. **Ntourakis D.**
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- Standardised suturing workshop for students for students. Makri V, Michaelidou M, Boutsikos I, Arkouli S, Samouilidis A, Manolopoulos F, Ntourakis D. 45th Annual Panhellenic Medical Conference, 15-18 May 2019. **Ntourakis D.**
- Factors that affect the learning of simple intermittent suturing for medical students. Michailidou M, Makri B, Manolopoulos F, Kakouris A, Lisacek-Kiosoglous A, Ntourakis D. 45th Annual Panhellenic Medical Conference, 15-18 May 2019, Athens. **Ntourakis D.**
- Biodiversity for children. 14 May 2019, EUC Cultural Center. **Ntourakis D.**
- Non-linear microscopy using third harmonic as an imaging and diagnostic tool in medicine. **Palli N., Ntourakis D.** 25th Annual Conference of Medical Students of Greece & 13th International Forum, Thessaloniki 10-12 May 2019 <https://25esfie.com>
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- Intestinal surgery: tips & tricks. **Ntourakis D.** 2nd Advanced Course in Gynecologic Laparoscopy. Iaso Clinic, 20-21 April 2019. **Ntourakis D.**
- Hands-on workshop in Laparoscopy. 2nd Advanced Course in Gynecologic Laparoscopy. ELPEN Experimental, Research and Training Center, 20-21 April 2019. **Ntourakis D.**
- Researcher's day EUC 2019. Introduction to laparoscopic surgery with practical training. **Ntourakis D., and EUC Surgery Club.** EUC Cultural Center, Nicosia 10 April 2019.
- Suturing Skills Workshop. Training seminar on trauma suturing. Medical School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, 18-19 March 2019. Playful Simulation in higher education: Simulation in Medicine. **Ntourakis D.** Play & Lean Digi-media online course. EDUCA national congress, Helsinki, Finland. 25-26 January 2019.
- New perspectives in Hepatobiliary Surgery. Lab trainer – expert. IRCAD research center & University of Strasbourg, 12-14 December 2018. **Ntourakis D.**
- FIRST RESULTS FROM THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A DAILY CARE PROTOCOL AFTER A PLASTIC RECOVERY OF INHERITANCE OF LAPAROSCOPIC GALLOCYSTOKIS. **Ntourakis D., Gatos N., Gemos A., Grammatopoulos C., Gemos K.** 31st Panhellenic Surgery Conference, Athens, 21-24 November 2018. **Ntourakis D.**
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- LAPAROSCOPIC LEFT HEMILECTOMY WITH ENTEROTOMIC COLOSIGMOID ANASTOMOSIS. **Ntourakis D., Gemos A., Michalinos A., Grammatopoulos C., Gemos K.** 31st Panhellenic Surgery Conference, Athens, 21-24 November 2018. **Ntourakis D.** "Watch your heart, keep it young" Visits to schools to promote cardiovascular prevention and healthy lifestyle. Settled in 2018-2019, first excursion to Agros high school on 22 November 2019. **Karpettas N.**

Proposals submitted

- **(GENDER-NET Plus ERA-NET Cofund)**
Digital registration: Neurodegenerative Cohort Cyprus/Athens AND Response to stress cohort
EU/CING as Partner (IP, AS EJ) Total share €80,000 24 months (approved & Funded 2018)
- **GEMSTONE COST Action (CA18139 - GEnomics of MusculoSkeletal traits Translational Network)**
Approved (EUC-Cyprus a partner) (IP, EA, AS)
- **THE RESEARCH PROMOTION FOUNDATION PROGRAMMES FOR RESEARCH, TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION "RESTART 2016 – 2020" INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS – DUAL TARGETING (Cyprus – United Arab Emirates) (Result: Fundable but funds exhausted)**
Title: Characterization of the Phyto-compound Annonacin as an Anti-Cancer Agents: Novel activity as inhibitor's of SERCA and Na⁺/K⁺-ATPase Pumps
EUC as coordinator (AS and IP) €100,000 24 months (Result: Fundable but funds exhausted)
- **THE RESEARCH PROMOTION FOUNDATION PROGRAMMES FOR RESEARCH, TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION "RESTART 2016 – 2020" INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS – DUAL TARGETING (Cyprus – USA) (Result: Fundable but funds exhausted)** EUC as coordinator (IP AS) €100,000 24 months
THE RESEARCH PROMOTION FOUNDATION PROGRAMMES FOR RESEARCH, TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION "RESTART 2016 – 2020 INTERGRATED - Proposal title: Development, Implementation & Evaluation of a Medical Tourism Product: Bringing Academia & Market Together for Growth. (Result: Fundable, but funds exhausted) (EA)

■ **RPF Proposal Number: PRE-SEED/0719/0093 HO: PhytoGen Ltd (Small Enterprise) submitted AS**

Title: Towards One Health: an interdisciplinary approach to bio-social antimicrobial resistance ecologies

Funding Organization: COST

Role in project: Secondary proposer

Status: in writing p submitted p in negotiation p unsuccessful X running p CT

Title: Gender Outcomes INternational Group: to Further Well-being Development / GOING-FWD

Funding Organization: GENDER-NET Plus Joint Call on Gender and UN Sustainable Development Goals

Role in project: Secondary investigator

Status: in writing p submitted p in negotiation p unsuccessful p running X CT

If running, please indicate:

Budget: €979.751

Project duration: 36 Months

Title: European Network for Innovative Diagnosis and Treatment of Chronic Neutropenias / EuNet-INNOCHRON

Funding Organization: COST

Role in project: Secondary proposer

If running, please indicate:

Budget:

Project duration: 48 Months

Title: Cyprus Research Award – Young Researcher 2019

Funding Organization: Research Promotion Foundation

Role in project: Nominee

Status: in writing p submitted X in negotiation p unsuccessful p running p CT

7.6. International Relations

7.6.1. Collaboration with Foreign Universities/Organizations

During the Academic year 2018-2019, the University signed Memoranda of Understanding or other agreements with a number of universities/organizations with the aim to exchange knowhow, design and offer joint programs of study and enriching the university research activity and the training of our students.

■ Universities

1. CSIR Meraka Institute
2. Seton Hall University (School of Health & Medical Sciences)
3. Univeristy of Haifa
4. TEI Western Greece
5. Metaquotes Champ Boxing Academy
6. Universidad San Francisco de Quito (USFQ)
7. Panteion University
8. Hadassah University Hospital
9. Monash University
10. Longdong University
11. Beiging Union University
12. Jilin International Studies University
13. Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business
14. Edward Said National Conservatory of Music
15. University of Western Grece (Neuromauscular & Cardiovascular study of Motion Lab)

■ Other Organizations

1. Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2. ENE Hellenic Regulatory Body of Nurses
3. Spyros Vassiliou & Associates
4. Physiorama Rehabilitation Center
5. A.L. Amazing Therapy Kids
6. Antonia Mazaraki
7. The Assosiation of Certified Public Accountants International
8. Berta's Development & Rehabilitation Center
9. Michalis Cacoyannis Foundation
10. Ίδρυμα Τεχνολογίας και Έρευνας (ITE) Technology and Research Foundation
11. Theotokos Foundation
12. K.X. Horizon Speech Therapy Center
13. LCEducational
14. Louisa Kousoulidou
15. Nicosia Rehabilitation Center
16. Orange2Fly airlines
17. Start Up Europe
18. Sofia Stentoumi
19. Stefania Loizou
20. Archbishop Ieronimos B' Library
21. Pancyprian Alliance of Rare Diseases
22. Association of Industrialists of Central Greece
23. Association of Registered Speechtherapists of Cyprus

7.6.2. Erasmus +

For the year 2018, European University Cyprus was granted the amount of €419,620 to manage the Erasmus+ Program KA103 from the Cyprus National Agency (IDEP). The termination date of the project KA103 was 30 September 2019, however due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the European Commission extended the Erasmus+ Program budget year until 31 May 2021.

During the academic year, 49 students participated in the study mobility scheme of the Erasmus+ Program absorbing €16,721 choosing the following host universities:

Host University	Host Country	No. of Students
Alexander Technological Educational Institute Of Thessaloniki	Greece	4
Aristotelio Panepistimio Thessalonikis	Greece	7
Democritus University Of Thrace	Greece	1
Ethniko Kai Kapodistriako Panepistimio Athinon	Greece	1
Harokopio University	Greece	4
Ibs Nemzetközi Üzleti Fiskola	Hungary	4
Metropolitni Univerzita Praha Ops	Czech Republic	4
Panepistimio Dytikis Attikis	Greece	2
Panepistimio Kritis (University Of Crete)	Greece	3
Panteio Panepistimio Koinonikon Kaipolitikon Epistimon	Greece	7
Politechnika Rzeszowska Im Ignacego Lukasiewicza Prz	Poland	3
Sas Esgcv - Psb Paris School Of Business	France	2
The University Of Salford	United Kingdom	2
Universitat Autònoma De Barcelona	Spain	1
Univerzita Komenského V Bratislave	Slovakia	1
Univerzita Tomáše Bati Ve Zlíně	Czech Republic	3
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In addition, €183,167 were spent for the funding of 63 students participants in the traineeship mobility scheme of the Erasmus+ Program. 19 of those students were graduates. Participating students were enrolled in the following study areas:

- Business Administration
- Computer Science
- Electrical & Electronic Engineering
- Hotel, Tourism & Events Management
- Law
- MBA
- Physiotherapy
- Psychology
- Radiotherapy

The training periods were materialized in France, Czech Republic, Germany, Greece, Poland, The Netherlands, Spain, Belgium and the UK.

Within 2018-2019, 44 staff members, both faculty and administrative personnel, participated into the Erasmus+ Program schemes for Staff Mobility for Teaching and Staff Mobility for Training respectively. For the funding of both schemes were spent €16,139 and €20,485 respectively. This year, four invited staff members from The Friends of Music Society in Greece were hosted by the Music Department of EUC and were funded accordingly.

Please find below the mobility data on faculty personnel:

Name	Faculty	Subject	Area	Host Institution	Host Country
Chrysoula	Thodi	School of Science	Speech Therapy	Instituto Politecnico Do Porto	Portugal
Dimitrios	Stasinopoulos	School of Science	Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy	Ethniko Kai Kapodistriako Panepistimio Athinon	Greece
Katerina	Mavrou	School of Humanities, Social And Education Sciences	Assistive Technology	Universite Paris 8 Vincennes Saint-Denis	France
Constantina	Charalambous	School of Humanities, Social And Education Sciences	Language Teaching, Literacy, Applied Linguistics	Panepistimio Patron	Greece
Miralis	Yiannis	School of Humanities, Social And Education Sciences	Music	Instituto Leonardo Da Vinci - Estal	Portugal
Sophia	Hadjipapa	School of Humanities, Social And Education Sciences	Fine Arts	Universitatea De Arta Si Design Din Cluj-Napoca	Romania
Constantina	Charalambous	School of Humanities, Social And Education Sciences	Language Teaching, Literacy, Applied Linguistics	Eotvos Lorand Tudomanyegyetem	Hungary
Myria	Ioannou	School of Business Administration	Marketing	Kobenhavns Universitet	Denmark
Loukia	Evripidou	School of Business Administration	Finance	Banku Augstskola	Latvia
George	Papageorgiou	School of Business Administration	Business/Marketing	Banku Augstskola	Latvia
Despina	Varnava Marouchou	School of Business Administration	Management, Marketing, Entrepreneurship	Banku Augstskola	Latvia
Stelios	Marneros	School of Business Administration	Hospitality Management	Banku Augstskola	Latvia
Alexios	Kythreotis	School of Business Administration	Financial Accounting	Univerzita Pardubice	Czech Republic
Andreas	Avgerinos	School of Science	Sports Management	Panepistimio Kritis (University Of Crete)	Greece
Nicos	Sozos	School of Humanities, Social And Education Sciences	Humanities	Tallinn University	Estonia
Simona	Mihai	School of Business Administration	Management	Banku Augstskola	Latvia

Please find below the mobility data on administrative personnel:

Name	EUC Department	Area	Host Institution	Host Country
Angela Georgiadou	Office of Student Affair	Universitat Politecnica de Valencia		Spain
Antonia Sophocleous	Department of Life Sciences	The University of Sheffield, School of Health and Related Research		United Kingdom
Christina Chrysanthou	Enrollment Department	Εθνικό Καποδιστριακό Πανεπιστήμιο Αθηνών		Greece
Christos Karagiannis	Health Science	Gennimata Hospital		Greece
Christos Karagiannis	Health Science	International Federation of Society for Hand Therapy (Triennial Congress)		Germany
Despo Ioardanou	Aesthetic Department	Thuyia School		Spain
Diana Konizou	Department of Business Administration	CPH Business		Denmark
ELENI ATHANASIOU	SOCIAL AND BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES	Council of International Fellowship		France
Maria Christopoulou	Health and Sciences	Council of International Fellowship		France
Melina Christodoulou	Distance Education Unit	Aston University		UK
Paraskevi Chatzipanagiotou	Distance Education Unit	Open University UK		United Kingdom
Stephani Pilavaki	Office of Admissions	University of Economics in Bratislava		Slovakia
Xenia Michael	Aesthetic Department	Thuyia School		Spain
Constantinos Tsioutis	Medicine	Medical Center - University of Freiburg		Germany
Maria Christodoulou	Office of the Rector	Munich University of Applied Sciences		Germany
Pavlina Psychouli	Department of Health Science	University of Vic		Spain
Christos Savva	Department of Health Science	University of West Attica		Greece
Raptis Vasilios	Biology	foundation for Research and Technology - Hellas		GR
Georgiou Xenia	Library	Metropolitan University Prague		Czech
Nicolaou Stella	Library	Metropolitan University Prague		Czech
Zaravinos Apostolos	Department of Life Science	National & Kapodistrian University of Athens		Greece
Soulla Antoniadou	Aesthetic Department	Thuyia School		Spain

European University Cyprus has signed new or renewed Inter-institutional agreements under the Erasmus+ Program with the following institutions within the academic year 2018-2019:

- Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences, The Netherlands
- Birmingham City University, UK
- Conservatorio Di Musica "San Pietro A Majella" Napoli, Italy
- Eotvos Lorand University (ELTE), Hungary
- Estonian Aviation Academy, Estonia
- European University Institute, Italy
- Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences, Germany
- Harran University Turkey, Turkey
- Instituto Politecnico De Lisboa, Portugal
- Instituto Politecnico Do Porto - Escola Superior De Saude Portugal
- Jan Dlugosz University in Czestochwa, Poland
- Jan Matejka Academy of Fine Arts in Krakow, Poland
- Medical University of Silesia, Poland
- Middlesex University, UK
- National And Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece
- Sapienza Universita Di Roma, Italy
- TEI of Western Greece, Greece
- The College of European and Regional Studies, Czech Republic
- Universidare Lusofona Do Porto, Portugal
- Universita Degli Studi Di Milano-Bicocca, Italy
- Universita Degli Studi Di Urbino Carlo Bo, Italy
- Universitat De Valencia, Spain
- Universitat Mainz, Germany
- Universitatea De Arta Si Design Cluj-Napoca, Romania
- Universite Libre De Bruxelles, Belgium
- Universite Toulouse Capitole, France
- University College London, UK
- University of Crete, Greece
- University of Ioannina, Greece
- University of Macedonia, Greece
- University of Malta, Malta
- University of Pardubice, Czech Republic
- University of Patras, Greece
- University of Pavia, Italy
- University of Peloponnese, Greece
- University of Silesia, Poland
- University of The Aegean, Greece
- University of Vic - Central University of Catalonia, Spain
- Western Norway University of Applied Sciences, Norway

In 2018, EUC applied for and was approved funding in managing the Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility Program. The amount granted was €30,015 and concerned the below mobility activities. The project will run between 01 June 2018 and 31 July 2021.

The mobility activities funded by the Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility Program concern incoming student mobility from Serbia in cooperation with the Novi Sad University. The budget for this mobility is to be shared between two students of the Novi Sad University, realizing a study mobility at EUC in different semesters. Reinforcing the agreement with the Novi Sad University, an incoming and outgoing teaching mobility is expected to be realized. In addition, the program's budget will fund three outgoing teaching mobility activities to the USA. Dr. Costas Constantopoulos, Lecturer at the School of Sciences, will be hosted by the Idaho State University; Dr. Constantina Charalambous, instructor at the School of Humanities, Social & Education Sciences, will be hosted by the Graduate Center of the City University of New York; and Dr. Venetia Argyropoulou, lecturer at the School of Law, will be hosted by the Texas A&M University. Furthermore, outgoing teaching mobilities are expected to be realized in New Zealand and Seychelles by Dr. Yiannis Mirallis, Associate Professor, Music Education at the School of Humanities, Social & Education Sciences.

Project Code	Activity Code	Partner Country Group	Partner Universities	EUC School	Activity participant	Duration (full months)	Duration (extra days)	Duration excluding travel (days)	Travel Days	Duration (Including Traveling)	Country of Origin	Destination Country	Individual support per month	Individual support per day	Distance Band	Eligible amount for travel (€)	Eligible amount for individual support (€)	Total eligible amount (€)
2018-1-CY14-KA101-046606	HE-SMST	Region 1 - Western Balkans	University of Novi Sad	School of Sciences	Novi Sad Student	8	0			240	Serbia	Cyprus	850		500 - 1999	275	6800	7075.00
	HE-STAT	Region 1 - Western Balkans	University of Novi Sad	School of Sciences	School of Sciences Faculty			5	1	6	Cyprus	Serbia		180	500 - 1999	275	1080	1355.00
	HE-STAT	Region 1 - Western Balkans	University of Novi Sad	School of Sciences	Skoric Tamara			6	0	6	Serbia	Cyprus		160	500 - 1999	275	960	1236.00
	HE-STAT	PI Americas	Idaho State University	School of Sciences	Constantopoulos Costas			10	2	12	Cyprus	USA		180	8000 - 1999	1500	2160	3660.00
	HE-STAT	PI Americas	The Graduate Center of the City University of New York	School of Humanities, Social and Education Sciences	Charalambous Constantina			10	2	12	Cyprus	USA		180	8000 - 1999	1500	2160	3660.00
	HE-STAT	PI Americas	Texas A&M University	School of Law	Argyropoulou Venetia			10	2	12	Cyprus	USA		180	8000 - 1999	1500	2160	3660.00
	HE-STAT	PI Asia	University of Auckland	School of Humanities, Social and Education Sciences	Miralis Yiannis			10	2	12	Cyprus	New Zealand		180	8000 - 1999	1500	2160	3660.00
	HE-STAT	Region 11 ACP	University of Seychelles	School of Humanities, Social and Education Sciences	Miralis Yiannis			7	2	9	Cyprus	Seychelles		180	4000 - 7999	820	1620	2440.00

The Inter-institutional agreements below were signed under the Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility Program during the academic year 2018-2019:

- Golestan University of Medical Science, Iran
- University Teknologi MARA, Malaysia
- New York University, USA
- Zhytomyr Polytechnic State University, Ukraine
- Academic College of Tel-Aviv Yaffo, Israel
- Ural Federal University, Russia
- National Conservatoire of Performing Arts, Seychelles
- American University of Armenia (AUA), Armenia

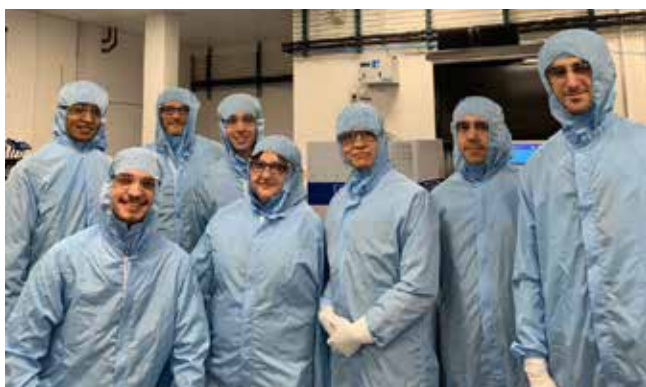
During 2018-2019, 106 incoming students were accepted at EUC for an Erasmus+ Study Mobility period, as illustrated below:

Country	Sending University	Total
Austria	Vorarlberg University of Applied Sciences	2
	University of Applied Sciences Burgenland	3
Belgium	Haute Ecole Albert Jacquard	2
	HELMo University College	3
	Haute Ecole EPHEC / EPHEC University College	2
Czech Republic	Tomas Bata University in Zlin	5
	Masaryk University-Masarykova Univerzita	1
Denmark	Roskilde University	3
	Lillebaelt Academy of Professional Higher Education	2
	Cphbusiness	2
	UCN Business	3
	Business Academy Aarhus	2
France	ESCE International Business School	1
	Institut D'Etudes Politiques Rennes	7
	Université de Bretagne-Sud	2
	PSB Paris School of Business	1
Germany	Technische Universität Chemnitz	1
	Schmalkalden University of Applied Sciences	1
	University of Würzburg	1
	Leipzig University	1
	BITS-Business and Information Technology School / University of Applied Sciences Europe	1
	European University of Applied Sciences Rhein-Erft (EUFH)	2
	Munich University of Applied Sciences	1
Greece	Technological Education Institution of Western Macedonia	1
	National and Kapodistrian University of Athens	2
	Democritus University of Thrace	3
	Technological Educational Institute of Epirus	1
	University of Ioannina	1
Hungary	University of Szeged	2
	International Business School (IBS)	2
Italy	Università degli studi di Bergamo	2
	Università Degli Studi Di Roma Tor Vergata	1

Country	Sending University	Total
	University of Torino	3
Latvia	BA School of Business and Finance	1
Lithuania	Vilnius University	3
Netherlands	University of Applied Sciences Leiden	2
Poland	Akademia Wychowania Fizycznego we Wrocławiu	5
	Kazimierz Wielki University	3
	The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin	5
	Uniwersytet SWPS	1
	Rzeszow University of Technology	1
	Warsaw University of Life Sciences	1
Portugal	Instituto Politecnico de Lisboa	1
Romania	Universitatea Nationala de Arte "George Enescu" din Iasi	1
Spain	Universitat de Girona	2
	Fundacio per a la Universitat Oberta de Catalunya	1
Slovakia	COMENIUS UNIVERSITY IN BRATISLAVA	4
Slovenia	University of Ljubljana	1
Switzerland	University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland	2
UK	DE MONTFORT UNIVERSITY	2
	University of Salford	1
	Birmingham City University	2
Total		106

■ The 2nd Erasmus+ International Teaching Mobility Week

The 2nd Erasmus+ International Teaching Mobility Week was organized with great success at EUC. The week took place on 8-12 April 2019. During the week, 19 teachers and researchers from 9 European countries (France, United Kingdom, Greece, Malta, Romania, Lithuania, Switzerland, Poland, and Slovakia) taught a very wide range of subjects (Medical, Legal, Positive Sciences, Business Administration, Social and Humanities) in the lecture halls of the university, presented research papers and participated in workshops and other social events. During the mobility week, participants had the opportunity to network in a very friendly environment with the teachers and researchers of EUC and to get to know the history, culture, and customs of Cyprus. In his address at the week's opening ceremony, Prof. Andreas Efstathiou, Vice-Chancellor of Research and External Affairs of EUC, presented the work of the University and stressed the importance the University attaches to internationalization through the Erasmus+ program. During the week, the participants toured Nicosia and experienced Cypriot hospitality in a traditional tavern in old Nicosia. Participants also had the opportunity to visit the Neolithic settlement of Chirokotia, the village of Lefkara and the Governor's Coast. The week also included artistic events such as the classical guitar concert by Slovak artist Adam Marec, the jazz piano concert by Polish artist Korneliusz Wiatr with the participation of Anna Maria Wicher (vocals) and Zbigniew Irzenski (saxophone) and the painting exhibition by Polish artist Bartosz Frączek, Associate Professor at Jan Długosz University in Częstochowa.



8

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS



8. Significant events

8.1. School of Humanities, Social and Education Sciences

8.1.1. Message from the Dean of the School of Humanities, Social and Education Sciences, Prof. Marios Vryonides

The School of Humanities, Social and Education Sciences of European University Cyprus has dynamically grown over the year 2018-19 and has consolidated its structures after the integration of two previous Schools into one. It is the biggest School of the University in terms of number of Departments and the most diverse. During 2018-19, the School has demonstrated major achievements in all areas of teaching, research and community work.

During this period, all School Departments have started preparing for Departmental and Programmatic evaluations by the Cyprus National Accreditation Agency (DIPAE) a laborious exercise, which involved a newly established procedure titled Program Evaluation Review (PER). All Departments and Programs have completed these procedures in a timely and highly efficient manner.

Teaching has concentrated in the field of Arts, Design, Music, Education, Social Sciences, Psychology and English Language. Faculty members taught in both conventional and online programs both in programs offered by the School but also in many other elective courses in all other University Schools. They have participated in many courses of the Faculty Development Program, which is largely run by School Faculty members. Other Faculty members also have a lead in the University-wide project titled Digital enhanced Learning (DeL).

The research activity of members of our School has been highly productive. A large number of Faculty members have been awarded Teaching Hour Reduction in order to be able to further promote their research activities. Faculty members received a large number of externally funded projects many of them by European Union funding schemes. This had been beneficial both in terms of international collaborations but also a major source of revenue and employment of young researchers. In 2019 the first Marie Curie post-doctoral fellowship ever awarded to the University has been won by the School.

The Department of Education Sciences continued to organize the successful cycle of seminars on «Education, Culture and Society». Moreover, three PhD colloquia have been organized for the vibrant PhD programs, especially of the Department of Education. The year 2018 was also marked by the hosting of the 3rd Panhellenic Conference of the Sociology of Education, with the participation of a large number of colleagues from Greek and Cypriot Universities.

The academic and research staff of the School produced on this year a large number of new publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals and presented their work in international exhibitions and concerts.



8.1.2.1. Cultural Month 2018, dedicated to Michalis Cacoyannis

Coordinators: Dr. Charis Xinari, Dr. Georgja Petroudi, Mrs. Maria Christodoulou

The Cultural Month 2018, an annual series of cultural events organised for the fourth consecutive year by the European University Cyprus, was dedicated to the world-renowned director Michalis Cacoyannis. For the first time, events took place both in Cyprus and in Greece, in collaboration with the Cacoyannis Foundation. To celebrate the man and his work, a series of events took place in the month of October, highlighting his contribution and his artistic output via a variety of activities, such as concerts, exhibitions, presentations, screenings, and thematic activities for children. In particular, the concerts included music and songs inspired from Cacoyannis' films. Musicians who participated and collaborated in these projects included, among others, Betty Harlafti and Yiannis Belonis, Costas Cacoyannis, Yiannis Miralis and Eleonora Roussou. There were two film screenings in collaboration with the Cacoyannis Foundation in Athens, and two events for children which involved storytelling and interactive activities based on a story written by Maria Christodoulou and Tasos Anastasiadis inspired by one of Cacoyannis' films. Moreover, the annual edition of the literary journal *Cadences*, included material related to Cacoyannis' work and was presented to the public by the editor of the journal, Dr. Stavros Stavrou Karayanni. This presentation was preceded by a screening of a documentary dedicated to the life and work of Michalis Cacoyannis, sponsored by the Cacoyannis Foundation in Athens and followed by a music concert of students from the Music Program of our University, coordinated by Marios Toumbas and Kyriacos Hadjittofis. Throughout the month, a multimedia exhibition, curated by Maria Christodoulou, Tasos Anastasiadis and Dimitra Englezou, was hosted at the Cultural Lobby of European University Cyprus.

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8.1.2.2. Department of Education Sciences

■ “Leadership for Teachers’ Development and School Improvement: Successful Students’ Learning” - HeadsUP Conference

Organizers: European University Cyprus, Cyprus Pedagogical Institute, Cyprus Educational Administration Society

Coordinator(s): Loucas Louca, Associate Professor, Science Education, Department of Education Sciences

Venue: Cultural Center, EUC

Date: 23-24 May 2019

The European University Cyprus, the Cyprus Pedagogical Institute and the Cyprus Educational Administration Society organized a conference entitled ‘Leadership for Teachers’ Development and School Improvement: Successful Students’ Learning, on 22-23 May 2019. The conference was organized under the research project HeadsUP (Erasmus+ project HeadsUP - Heads Using Professional Learning Communities). 65 teachers and heads, from Cyprus, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Austria and Spain attended the conference.

■ “STEMitUP Fair”

Organizers: European University Cyprus, GrantXpert and CyRIC

Coordinator(s): Loucas Louca, Associate Professor, Science Education, Department of Education Sciences

Venue: Cultural Center, EUC

Date: 17 May 2019

The European University Cyprus, the GrantXpert and the CyRIC in cooperation with the Microsoft Innovation Center, organized the first annual STEMitUP Fair. 220 students aged 11-12 had the opportunity to experience eight different fun and challenging activities, during the first STEMitUP Festival. All activities aimed at encouraging kids to become interested in STEM and entrepreneurship, while fighting gender stereotypes. At the same time, 10 STEM teachers of lower secondary education received practical training and experienced some of our STEMitUP activities, which they enjoyed very much. A big thank you goes to the Microsoft Innovation Center Cyprus for hosting this teachers’ training day. The Cyprus Pedagogical Institute was a co-organiser of the event.

■ “Fourth Biodiversity Workshop”

Organizers: Inquiry in Science and Math Education Research Group (Department of Education Sciences), Department of Life Sciences, Terra Cypria – the Cyprus Conservation Foundation

Coordinator(s): Loucas Louca, Associate Professor, Science Education, Department of Education Sciences

Venue: Cultural Center, EUC

Date: 13 May 2019

Inquiry in Science and Math Education Research Group in corporation with third-year students of the Biological Sciences program and Terra Cypria Foundation – Cyprus Environmental Study Center organized the 4th Biodiversity workshop, on 13 May 2019 at European University Cyprus. The workshop included themes from the world of: “Zoology, Ecology, Human Biology and Microbiology”. The 400 participating primary students (10-12 years old) had the opportunity to engage (for 2 hours) in a series of authentic, scientific activities from the world of biology under the guidance of the third-year students of the Biological Sciences program. The workshop included creative activities, specially designed for the age of students with playful and constructive character. The activities concerned endemic species of the natural environment of Cyprus (endemic birds, bees, endemic plants, and reptiles), study of biological phenomena, exploration of biological microcosmsystems and understanding of processes of biological phenomena and macroscopic biological phenomena. The Medical School of European University Cyprus also participated in the event. The workshop was part of the events of the Environmental Committee of European University Cyprus. The primary students also participated in activities of the Terra Cypria Foundation, the BirdLife Cyprus Association, the Herpetological Society of Cyprus, the Cyprus Butterflies Studying Group, the Department of Fisheries and Marine Research, Pancyprian Association of Beekeepers, the Geological Survey Department, and the Department of Meteorology.

■ **“EUC research day” – STEMitUP project**

Organizers: European University Cyprus

Coordinator(s): Loucas Louca, Associate Professor, Science Education, Department of Education Sciences

Venue: Microsoft Innovation Center, EUC

Date: 10 March 2019

Dr. Loucas Louca and Dr. Celia Hadjichristodoulou presented on EUC research day, at the Microsoft Innovation Center Cyprus, some of the key findings and practical/fun activities of the STEMitUP project. 50-60 lower and higher secondary students of Cyprus (aged 12-18 years) with their teachers participated to the activities.

■ **“STEMitUP Teachers’ Workshop”**

Organizers: European University Cyprus, GrantXpert and CyRIC

Coordinator(s): Loucas Louca, Associate Professor, Science Education, Department of Education Sciences

Venue: Microsoft Innovation Center, EUC

Date: 10 November 2018

European University Cyprus and the Microsoft Innovation Center, in cooperation with the GrantXpert and the CyRIC, organized a one-day workshop for teachers of lower and upper secondary education. A number of hands-on and practical activities presented (by Dr. Loucas Louca, Dr. Celia Hadjichristodoulou, Dr. Maria-Meletiou Mavrotheris, Dr. Constantino Katjis) to teachers of lower and upper secondary education.

■ **“Researchers’ Night 2018”**

Organizers: Research Promotion Foundation (RPF)

Coordinator(s) of the activity: Loucas Louca, Associate Professor, Science Education, Department of Education Sciences

Venue: Lanitis Carob Mill

Date: 28 September 2018

Inquiry in Science and Math Education Research Group participated in Researcher’s Night 2018 with the activities:

“The colors of nature and the green of chlorophyll: Science experiments and Art from the magical world of Biology”. Description of the activity: How does the green color of the leaves become yellow, red and brown in Autumn? And where do the leaves find all these colors? And what happens to the green color? Children and adults will have to participate in activities, experiments, and investigations that involve studying the colors of nature hidden by the green color of chlorophyll.

“Science, Archeology and Linguistics: “Breaking” riddles written in ancient alphabets that were used in Cyprus”. Description of the activity: How good are you in “breaking” riddles? How easy can you break a riddle written in an ancient alphabet used in Cyprus several hundred years ago? Wondering what the riddle says? In this activity, children 6-16 years of age will have the opportunity to break riddles written in ancient alphabets used in Cyprus over the centuries, working as archeologists and linguists. All children will have the opportunity to write their own riddle using a foreign alphabet.

■ **Event: Comic, Education and Social Inclusion: the BONDS Project**

Organization: Department of Education Sciences, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, and Education Sciences

Coordinator: Dr. Constadina Charalambous

Organizing committee: Dr. Constadina Charalambous, Dr. Katerina Mavrou, Dr. Eleni Theodorou, Dr. Spyros Spyrou, Dr. Tasos Anastasiades

Speakers: Dr. Lida Tsene, Dr. Simoni Symeonidou, Mr. Demetrios Kasdalis

Place: EUC Amphitheatre Delta

Date: 8 December 2018

The colloquium involved a presentation of the results of the BONDS project (Erasmus +) which aimed to create an educational model for the use of comics in migrant/refugee education. It also involved presentations and discussions with other academics and stakeholders on the use and analysis of comics in relation to social justice, as well as a comics workshops with teachers, and refugee children.

■ **Event: Innovative Models for Empowering the Young Deaf: Pilot implementation of the SIDE curriculum**

Organization: Department of Education Sciences, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, and Education Sciences

Coordinator: Dr. Katerina Mavrou

Organizing committee: Dr. Katerina Mavrou, Dr. Eleni Theodorou, Ms. Kyproula Makri, Mr. Christos Tiniakos

Trainers: Mr. Cosmas Cherchel, Mr. Valentinos Michael and Mr. Iakovos Nicolaou

Place: EUC LAB020

Dates: 7, 10, 14 & 17 November 2018

The training aimed to pilot the SIDE project (Erasmus+) curriculum. The curriculum involved the design and implementation of a blended learning model, which combines face to face, online and off-class educational activities aiming at the improvement of the employability opportunities for young deaf people, through the development of digital and job search skills. The pilot implementation included a training event of four face-to-face 3-hour training sessions, as well as a number of online, distance learning and off-classroom activities. Fifteen young deaf people (ages 20-30) participated in the training.

■ **Event: Empowering deaf youth for accessing labour market: The example of the SIDE Programme**

Organization: Department of Education Sciences, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, and Education Sciences

Coordinator: Dr. Katerina Mavrou

Organizing committee: Dr. Katerina Mavrou, Dr. Eleni Theodorou, Ms. Kyproula Makri, Mr. Christos Tiniakos

Speakers: Dr. Katerina Mavrou, Dr. Eleni Theodorou, Mr. Christos Tiniakos, Ms. Eleni Markantoni, Ms. Katerina Charitou, Round Table Discussion with interested stakeholders

Place: EUC Amphitheatre Delta

Date: 15 December 2018

The colloquium involved a presentation of the SIDE project (Erasmus +) which aimed to develop an educational curriculum that empowers young deaf people for accessing the labour market. The event also included a workshop and an Assistive Technology Open Lab for all participants.

■ **Event: The Living Book - Augmenting reading for life: Technology, Literature and Literacy**

Organization: Department of Education Sciences, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, and Education Sciences,

Co-organizer: Cyprus Pedagogical Institute, Ministry of Education & Culture

Coordinator: Prof. Maria Meletiou-Mavrotheri

Organizing committee: EUC team: Prof. Maria Meletiou-Mavrotheri, Dr. Constadina Charalambous, Dr. Katerina Mavrou, Ms. Panayiota Anastasi

Speakers: Prof. Maria Meletiou-Mavrotheri, Dr. Constadina Charalambous, Makedonitissa School C'Teachers Team, Dr. Natalia Kucirkova, Prof. Avgoustos Tsinakis, Dr. Elisavet Kiourti

Place: EUC Amphitheatre Delta

Date: 1 June 2019

The colloquium involved a presentation of the Living Book project (Erasmus +), which combines traditional reading and digital creativity to promote a love for reading among 9–15-year-old students. In addition, the event included two keynote speakers, workshops, and a symposium on digital literacy.

■ **Event: The Living Book - Augmenting reading for life - TEACHER TRAINING**

Organization: Department of Education Sciences, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, and Education Sciences co-organiser: Cyprus Pedagogical Institute, Ministry of Education & Culture

Coordinator: Prof. Maria Meletiou-Mavrotheri

Organizing committee: EUC team: Prof. Maria Meletiou-Mavrotheri, Dr. Constadina Charalambous, Dr. Katerina Mavrou, Ms. Panayiota Anastasi

Place: EUC labs

Dates: October–December 2018, February– May 2019

A pilot testing of the 'Augmented Teacher' and 'Augmented Parent-Trainer' training programs developed through the Living Book project (Erasmus +) took place. The pilot testing included a series of hands-on professional development seminars. Due to high interest among the teaching community for participation in the program, we offered two rounds of the professional development during the 2018-2019 academic year (October-December 2018; January-May 2019), which were attended by more than 45 teachers in total (as well as 7 librarians).

■ **Event: EL-STEM: Enlivened Laboratories within STEM Education**

Organization: Department of Education Sciences, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, and Education Sciences, co-organisers: Open University of Cyprus, Pallouriotissa Gymnasium

Coordinator: Prof. Maria Meletiou-Mavrotheri

Organizing committee: EUC team: Prof. Maria Meletiou-Mavrotheri, Dr. Konstantinos Katzis, Ms. Ilona Lasica

Speakers: Efstathios Mavrotheris (Project Coordinator), Prof. Maria Meletiou-Mavrotheris, Pallouriotissa Gymnasium Teachers Team, Prof. Margus Pedaste

Place: Cultural Center

Date: 12 January 2019

The colloquium involved a presentation of the EL-STEM project (Erasmus +), which aims at strengthening current STEM curricula in secondary education with innovative AR/MR enhanced methods and tools that can help raise students' attitudes and levels of achievement in these disciplines. In addition, the event included one keynote speaker, parallel workshops and a round table discussion.

■ **Event: EL-STEM: Enlivened Laboratories within STEM Education - TEACHER TRAINING**

Organization: Department of Education Sciences, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, and Education Sciences co-organisers: Open University of Cyprus, Pallouriotissa Gymnasium Coordinator: Prof. Maria Meletiou-Mavrotheri

Organizing committee: EUC team: Prof. Maria Meletiou-Mavrotheri, Dr. Konstantinos Katzis, Ms. Ilona Lasica

Place: EUC labs

Dates: February-May 2019

A pilot testing of the teacher professional development program developed through the EL-STEM project (Erasmus +) took place. The pilot testing included a series of hands-on professional development seminars and was attended by 26 secondary education STEAM teachers.

■ **Event: STEMitUP: Instilling Interest in STEM Entrepreneurship to European Students**

Organization: Department of Education Sciences, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, and Education Sciences, co-organisers: GrantXpert, CYRIC, Microsoft Innovation Center

Coordinator: Dr. Loucas Louca

Organizing committee: EUC team: Dr. Loucas Louca, Prof. Maria Meletiou-Mavrotheris, Prof. Andreas Efstathiou, Dr. Konstantinos Katzis

Speakers: Dr. Loucas Louca, Prof. Maria Meletiou-Mavrotheris, Dr. Konstantinos Katzis, Dr. Moyses Moyseos

Place: Microsoft Innovation Center

Date: 10 November 2018

The Erasmus+ STEMitUP project aims at filling STEM teachers' quiver with innovative and fun pedagogical tools and adding an entrepreneurial layer to STEM education to help youth apply STEM to solve real-world problems, to think creatively and to benefit their communities. The event was a pilot testing of the STEMitUP Teacher-Training Workshop, which is one of the main outputs of the project. After a brief introduction to the basic theory and principles underlying STEMitUP, attendees participated in five different practical sessions that provided them with hands-on experience of the STEMitUP pedagogical approach. The sessions included various tasks which they completed collaboratively by forming groups of 4-5 people.

■ **Lectures: Interdisciplinary Lectures' Series: Education, Society and Culture**

The Lecture series of the academic year 2018-2019 focused on Arts in Education with individual lectures as follows:

■ **Lecture 1: Drawing with children with autism: enhancing interaction and communication in cognitive and emotional level through collaborative drawing.**

Organization: Department of Education Sciences, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, and Education Sciences

Coordinators: Dr. Katerina Mavrou & Dr. Constantina Charalambous

Speaker: Ms. Nefi Charalambous-Darden & Dr. Phoivi Antoniou, Ministry of Education and Culture

Place: EUC Amphitheatre Beta

Date: 18 October 2018

During the Interdisciplinary Lectures' Series: Education, Society and Culture, of the Fall Semester 2018, with the general theme on Arts in Education: drawing, music and museums, the first lecture provided an overview on an action research project on collaborative drawing and its impact for the education of children with autism.

■ **Lecture 2: Learning, creativity, and music in integration classes**

Organization: Department of Education Sciences, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, and Education Sciences

Coordinators: Dr. Katerina Mavrou & Dr. Constantina Charalambous

Speaker: Dr. Potheini Vaiouli, Music Therapist

Place: EUC Amphitheatre Beta

Date: 12 November 2018

In the second lecture of the interdisciplinary series Education, Society and Culture, of Fall 2018, Dr. Vaiouli presented a project on the implementation of music therapy in integration classes for children with disabilities in Greece.

■ **Lecture 3: I Paint (Χρωματίζω): Art, Child and Museum**

Organization: Department of Education Sciences, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, and Education Sciences

Coordinators: Dr. Katerina Mavrou & Dr. Constantina Charalambous

Speaker: Andri Savva & Eugenia Achilleos, University of Cyprus

Place: EUC Amphitheatre Beta

Date: 3 December 2018

The third lecture of the Interdisciplinary Lectures' Series: Education, Society and Culture, of Fall 2018, presented a research work on arts and museum education in collaboration with early childhood and primary education schools.

■ **Lecture 1: Art and School: creative movement in school**

Organization: Department of Education Sciences, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, and Education Sciences

Coordinators: Dr. Katerina Mavrou & Dr. Constantina Charalambous

Speaker: Ms. Maria Kamberi, Dance Educator

Place: EUC Room 208

Date: 18 February 2019

During the Interdisciplinary Lectures' Series: Education, Society and Culture, of the Spring Semester 2019, with the general theme on Arts in Education: theatre, dance and music, the first lecture presented the basic principles of using creative dance in school, through a research project of the invited speaker.

■ **Lecture 2: Drama and Theatre as a form of art in Education**

Organization: Department of Education Sciences, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, and Education Sciences

Coordinators: Dr. Katerina Mavrou & Dr. Constantina Charalambous

Speaker: Dr. Nasia Tomasidou, European University Cyprus

Place: EUC Room 208

Date: 20 March 2019

In the second lecture of the interdisciplinary series Education, Society and Culture, of Spring 2019, Dr. Tomasidou presented the basic principles of the use of Drama and Theatre in Education, through an example with the participation of a group of young children.

■ **Lecture 3: Music Experience in modern social reality: a framework of competencies development and well-being**

Organization: Department of Education Sciences, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, and Education Sciences

Coordinators: Dr. Katerina Mavrou & Dr. Constantina Charalambous

Speaker: Dr. Maria Papazachariou, European University Cyprus

Place: EUC Room 208

Date: 15 April 2019

During the third lecture of the Interdisciplinary Lectures' Series: Education, Society and Culture, of Spring 2019, Dr. Papazachariou discussed issues of music pedagogy for promoting learning and life skills in school.

■ **"Dominoes, Leonardo Pisano and daisies" Workshop organized as part of Researcher's Night 2018**

Organizer(s): Early Childhood Education Center, Education Club

Coordinator(s): Chrystalla Papademetri-Kachrimani, Marianna Efstathiadou, Department of Education Sciences, School of Humanities, Social and Education Sciences

Venue: Lanitis Carob Mill, Limassol

Date: 28 September 2018

Families, adults and children visiting the Researcher's Night event had the opportunity to take part in a series of fun and challenging activities designed by Chrystalla Papademetri and implemented by undergraduate students in the Early Childhood Education program. Description of the workshop: What do the classic domino game, the Italian mathematician Leonardo Pisano and the common daisy of the Cyprus field have? Try to find this out through fun, interactive creative and challenging activities. Through mathematical problems, you will be challenged and invited to a journey of discovery in the magical world of mathematics and the numerical system of nature.

■ **Activities for children based on the story 'When the fish came to the land' written as part of the EUC Cultural Month 2018 dedicated to Michalis Cacoyannis**

Organizer(s): Early Childhood Education Center, Education Club

Coordinator(s): Chrystalla Papademetri-Kachrimani

Venue: EUC Cultural Center, Date: 20 October 2018

Venue: Dasoupolis Primary School, Date: 26 October 2018

Families, adults and children with their teacher's had the opportunity to participate in fun and challenging activities designed by Chrystalla Papademetri and implemented by undergraduate students in the Early Childhood Education program that were based on the story 'When the fish came to the land' written and illustrated by Tasos Anastasiades as part of the EUC Cultural Month 2018 dedicated to Michalis Cacoyannis. On 20 October, the event was open to the public, whereas on 26 October, it was organized for all the Year 2 children of the Dasoupolis Primary School.

■ **'A Day at the European University Cyprus' - Event organized for preschool children as part of the EUC Research Day**

Organizer(s): Early Childhood Education Center, Education Club

Coordinator(s): Chrystalla Papademetri-Kachrimani, Marianna Efstathiadou Department of Education Sciences, School of Humanities, Social and Education Sciences

Venue: EUC, Date: 10 April 2018

The aim of the activity was to give the opportunity to preschool children to spend a day at a University and take part in interdisciplinary, fun, creative learning activities, which were developed through processes of design and action research. The program was adjusted to the program that the children normally follow in their schools (it included time for learning activities, free play, breakfast etc) and took place in different parts of the University. More precisely, the children were involved in:

- Interactive storytelling (care of Chrystalla Papademetri)-EUC Cultural Center
- Mathematical activities of creative learning and play organized in 12-15 stations (care of Chrystalla Papademetri and Marianna Efstathiadou)-EUC Cultural Center
- Interactive tour around the University venues (care of Chrystalla Papademetri)
- Arts Play (care of Valentina Eracleous) – Graphic Design Studios and
- Free Play in the Early Childhood Education Center (care of Marianna Efstathiadou)

All the activities were implemented by the faculty members with the active participation of all the undergraduate students of the Department of Education Sciences as part of different courses under the supervision of the instructors. Approximately 75 children were invited to spend their day at EUC and took part in the different activities on rotation.

8.1.2.3. Department of Arts

■ **(Film Festival) 5th International Motion Festival, Cyprus 2019**

Organizer(s): European University Cyprus

Coordinator(s): Demetra Englezou

Speaker(s): 4 Masterclasses / 16 talks / 214 Film Screenings / 56 Countries / 40 Nominations / 2 Exhibitions Parallel Events

Venue: European University Cyprus, A.G Leventis Gallery

Date: 06-09 May 2019

Following the great success of the previous four editions (2012, 2013, 2015, 2017) of the IMF, the Arts Department of European University Cyprus organized the 5th International Motion Festival 2019. The festival took place between 6 and 9 May 2019 at European University Cyprus and the A.G Leventis Gallery. It is the first of its kind in Cyprus, the broader Mediterranean and the Middle East region. The festival's objectives from its inception were to launch a forum for the presentation of the most contemporary and most creative work in the world of motion and thus to be established as The Pioneering Festival that promotes innovative and cutting-edge work.

The International Motion Festival, now going through its 5th edition, has been established as the platform for showcasing innovative motion design films, spanning from motion graphics, to 2D and 3D animation, video art, and shorts, in the wider Mediterranean region. Each year the festival aims to present innovative and groundbreaking approaches in the field of motion art and video, experimental techniques and creative takes on matters of society, culture, relationships, politics and the economy, science, imagination and art. It is undoubtedly for these reasons that the EU has awarded the International Motion Festival the EFFE label, three times in a row, including it among the European festivals "that stand for artistic quality and have a significant impact on the local, national and international level".

For more information:

- please visit the festival's webpage at: <http://www.motionfestivalcyprus.com>
- please like and follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/imfcyprus/> and <https://www.instagram.com/internationalmotion-festival/>
- and see our promotional films at: <https://vimeo.com/122379100>
<https://vimeo.com/47151899>

■ **Workshop: “International Composition Workshop 2018”**

Organizers: European University Cyprus, Bachelor of Music Program with the Contemporary Music Lab

Coordinator: Dr. George Christofi, Assistant Professor, Music Theory/Composition, EUC

Speakers/Workshop leaders: Prof Raphael Staubli, Music Theory/Musicology at Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts, Switzerland - Prof Alastair Borthwick, Composition at The University of Hull, U.K. - Dr George Christofi, Music Theory/Composition at EUC, Cyprus

Venue: Cultural Center and Music Center facilities EUC

Date: 29 November-01 December 2018

The INTERNATIONAL COMPOSITION WORKSHOP 2018 ran in collaboration with Contemporary Music Lab was a first venture to promote Contemporary Music through the voice of our University and a contribution to the island's cultural life. There were seven World Premieres specially composed for the purpose of this event at a final concert in the University's Cultural Center. Additionally, during the course of these three days, there were open rehearsals and lectures to the public by the invited faculty.

In particular, this Workshop brought to Cyprus and to our University new music by young composers from England, The Netherlands, U.S.A., China, Russia and Greece and, welcomed two invited Composition Professors from the Universities of Hull (U.K.) and Lucerne (Switzerland) and, three performers from Greece and Cyprus.

■ **Lecture: “Music Therapy and its application in working with children with Autism Spectrum Disorder: Theory and Practice”**

Organizers: European University Cyprus, Bachelor of Music Program with the Chamber Music and Guitar Club

Coordinator: Dr. George Christofi, Assistant Professor, Music Theory/Composition, EUC

Speaker: Ms. Pavlina Papadopoulou, Senior Music Therapist, CNWL NHS Foundation Trust, London

Venue: European University Cyprus

Date: 04 March 2019

Ms. Pavlina Papadopoulou, an active Senior Music Therapist in London, delivered a lecture on the role of Music Therapy in relation to the Autism Spectrum and more specifically when working with children in a School environment. The lecture was open to the public and especially to parents who have encountered the facet of Autism in their families.

■ **“The Traveller”**

Organizer(s): Neil Gibson – writer, Tasos Anastasiades Illustrator

Date: 15 March 19

This is Tasos Anastasiades' latest graphic novel publication, which a collaboration with Neil Gibson, owner and publisher of T-Pub comics in London, and editor of Stan Lee's last comic titled 'The Luckman'. 'The traveller' is an international publication, which has already received positive reviews and top ratings.

8.1.2.4. Department of Humanities

■ **The Dark Slipper (English Translation by David Connolly)"**

Organizer(s): Cultural Services Embassy of the Republic of Cyprus

Coordinator(s): D.r Nadia Stylianou

Speaker(s): George Veis, Stavros Karayanni, Vaggelis Hadjivassiliou

Venue: The House of Cyprus, Athens

Date: 16 April 2019

The poet Nadia Stylianou, who is the Cultural Counsellor at the Embassy of the Republic of Cyprus in Athens, invited me to speak at the event that celebrated the publication of her 2018 poetry collection *To Σκοτεινό Γοβάκι* [The Dark Slipper]. The poet's request was for me to present to the public the English translation of this collection by David Connolly. It was great to be part of this panel with distinguished poet and travel writer Yiorgos Veis and Greek philologist Vaggelis Hadjivassiliou.

■ **"Notes from the Last Divided Capital of the World: Union and Division in Cypriot Writing"**

Organizer: Faculty of Humanities, University of Cyprus

Speaker: Petra Tournay-Theodotou, Professor of English, Department of Humanities, European University Cyprus

Venue: Phytorio, in the Nicosia Municipal Gardens

Date: 30 November - 1 December 2018

In this talk, I explore how the Cypriot writers Nora Nadjarian, Aydin Mehmet Ali and Stephanos Stephanides offer an intervention into Cypriot memory politics, while simultaneously providing a perspective on the complex identity politics of the current state of this multicultural nation.

8.1.2.5. Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences

■ **One day Conference titled: "The third way between the public and private sphere: volunteering, charity and civil society"**

Organizer(s): EUC and Cyprus Sociological Association

Coordinator(s): I coordinated the afternoon session.

Speaker(s): Eleni Athanasiou

Venue: EUC

Date: 13 October 18

Welfare pluralism and the role of the various sectors. Common elements and differences. Characteristics of good cooperation and identified problems.

■ **Conference "Development of local societies through social policy programs: The role of the Social Worker"**

Title of the presentation: "The interdisciplinary and interdepartmental approach to child abuse, the role of the interdisciplinary team."

Organizer(s): Cyprus Association of Social Workers and Association of Social Workers of Greece

Speaker(s): Eleni Athanasiou

Venue: Limassol

Date: 09-10 November 18

Juvenile abuse is a multifactorial phenomenon; therefore, interdepartmental and interdisciplinary cooperation is desirable for the holistic assessment and treatment of the phenomenon. The purpose of this study is the real investigation of the collaboration within the interdisciplinary team.

■ **Conference «Human relations and social work in a changing environment»**

Title of the presentation: "The importance of a positive business relationship to enhance resilience."

Organizer(s): Cyprus Association of Social Workers, Association of Social Workers of Greece, and Municipality of Athens, Directorate of Social Solidarity and Health

Speaker(s): Eleni Athanasiou

Venue: Athens

Date: 05-06 March 19

The importance of the relationship of the social worker with the person serviced has been highlighted from the beginning in the relevant literature. Biestek (1957) described it as the "soul", while Perlman (1979) described it as the "heart" of any intervention. In addition, the majority of those served experience some kind of pressure / stress, difficult experience and / or trauma when they first arrive seeking professional help, which makes the establishment of a positive professional relationship necessary.

Drawing from the pyramid of human needs, the theory of attachment as well as resilience, this presentation, driven by the visual reinforcement of the strong points, approaches the professional relationship as an opportunity to empower and strengthen the served and the professional.

■ **"International Exchange Week"**

Organizer(s): Council of International Fellowship

Coordinator(s): CIF France

Speaker(s): Eleni Athanasiou and Maria Christopoulou

Venue: France

Date: 01-06 July 19

A presentation of the International Exchange week that took place at EUC in collaboration with a Belgian and a Dutch university. Feedback, lessons learned and opportunities for future collaboration.

■ **International Exchange Week - "CHILD PROTECTION: Child abuse & child neglect"**

Organization: Department of Social and Behavioural Sciences

Event coordinator: Eleni Athanasiou and Maria Christopoulou

Partners: UCLL Belgium and Windesheim Netherlands

Venue: EUC

Date: 25 February-1 March, 2019

We welcomed 15 Belgian and 15 Dutch students together with our 15 hosting Cypriot students, and three teachers, during the week beginning on 25 February. Our International Exchange Programme included lectures and case studies, teamwork, field visits and culture and social activities. The main goal for this International Exchange Programme 2019 in Nicosia was to allow students to interact with students of other nationalities and give them an opportunity to share their experiences as students in the fields of social sciences.

■ **Workshop "Let's Talk About Sex: An on Sexual Rights and Acceptance"**

Organizer(s): EUC with the Cyprus Family Planning Association

Coordinator(s): Petra Daniel

Speaker(s): Patricia Phaedonos, Photini Panagiotou, Georgia Charalambous and Nikoletta Xenofontos from the CFPA

Venue: Omega Conference Hall

Date: 21 November 2018 in English, 28 November 2018 in Greek

In an interactive workshop format, students were informed about, participated in group work, and then discussed sexual rights. After the break, they engaged in two interactive workshop activities raising awareness to issues of varying sexualities and tolerance.

8.2. School of Business Administration

8.2.1. Message from the Dean of the School of Business Administration, Prof. George Boustras

Business Administration was the starting point of the then Cyprus College. More than half a century later, the Ioannis Gregoriou School of Business Administration of European University Cyprus still grows strong and is in the process of reinventing itself. In these testing times, we face the uncertainties of the financial environment and the new realities created as a challenge and not as an obstacle. We build upon our solid foundations and plan for a bright future.

I have referred to our past extensively as I believe that we have many reasons to celebrate. Our undergraduate programs in business have supported the transformation of Cyprus into an economic center and our graduates have been in the first line of business-related professions with an emphasis on accounting, marketing, management, tourism and finance. Our MBA program, one of the first in the country and certainly one of the most successful, has created a new generation of business executives in Cyprus and abroad.

The events of March 2013 have been a shock to the backbone of the national economy. We have listened, we have learned, we have regrouped and we are ready to face the new challenges. The Ioannis Gregoriou School of Business Administration enters this new era with a number of solutions at hand and we will successfully get through. We are proud to have a newly introduced BSc in Aviation Management, a unique program, the one and only in SE Europe.

Our aims for 2020 are to become a Center of excellence in specific areas, to reach to the business world, enhance the employability aspect of our graduates and to further internationalize our programs. We will be working hard to increase our research output in terms of high-quality journal publication and citations, books and monographies. We will be investing on the new realities and opportunities that the recent discovery of hydrocarbons has created. New, interesting, current programs will be created that will influence the generation that will be ready to manage the changes in the economy and the country. Our PhD program in Business Administration will be our tool to come closer to our aims of achieving excellence. Our EUC-PEAK, European University Cyprus (EUC) – Performance Enterprise Accelerator & Knowledge (PEAK) Innovation Center leads the way in achieving high-level research results, with a number of interesting events that set the agenda.

We already have strong relationships with the local and parts of the international business community, this is evident through the Advisory Boards of our programs, we will try to enhance this further, we are interested to build long-lasting relationships of mutual benefit with even more businesses. We want to listen to the workers and the business communities and streamline our programs towards becoming compatible with their needs. We want to develop socially responsible leaders with the capability to solve problems, manage organizations, inspire entrepreneurship and be innovative!

I am confident that with our solid foundations from the past, our commitment to excellence and our quest for new challenges, we will achieve the aims we have set for 2020; certainly, the next few years will be very interesting and exciting!



8.2.1. Events

8.2.1.1. Department of Management and Marketing

■ Guest Lecturer: 'Start-Ups and New Product Development'

Organizer(s): School of Business Administration/ Department of Management and Marketing (MBA)

Coordinator(s): Dr. Myria Ioannou

Guest Lecturer: Mr. Phanos Pitiris, an Expert in Innovation & Start-Ups

Venue: Room 204

Date: 3 December 2018

■ Guest Lecturer: 'Activities and Experiences of Pulse Market Research'

Organizer(s): School of Business Administration/ Department of Management and Marketing (MBA)

Coordinator(s): Prof. George Papageorgiou

Guest Lecturer: Mr. Panayiotis Panayiotou, CEO at Pulse Market Research

Venue: Room 4

Date: 8 April 2019

■ Guest Lecturer: 'Starting up a business; Activities of Start Up Ark'

Organizer: School of Business Administration/ Department of Management and Marketing

Coordinator: Prof. George Papageorgiou

Guest Lecturer: Mr. Yosef Yekta, CEO at Start-Up Ark

Venue: Room 127

Date: 9 April 2019

■ Guest Lecturer: 'EU Customs Formalities and Trade Facilitation'

Organizer: School of Business Administration/ Department of Management and Marketing (MBA)

Coordinator: Prof. George Papageorgiou

Guest Lecturer: Ms. Theodora Gregoriou, Senior Customs Officer in the Ministry of Finance

Venue: Room 202

Date: 3 July 2019

■ Seminar day: "World Tourism Day"

Organizers: Department of Management & Marketing, BA in Hotel, Tourism & Event Management & Center for Sustainable Management of Tourism, Sport & Events (CESMATSE)

Coordinators: Dr. Nikolaos Boukas, Dr. Christakis Sourouklis, Dr. Stelios Marneros, Dr. Myria Ioannou

Speakers: Dr. Nikolaos Boukas, Dr. Christakis Sourouklis, and Dr. Myria Ioannou

Venue: Yianna Marie Hotel, Protaras

Date: 20 September 2018

In celebration of World Tourism Day, EUC and CESMATSE organized a seminar day discussing the value that tourism adds to the economic, social and cultural development of destinations in a national and international level. During the event, academics and professionals of the tourism and hospitality industries, as well as the general public, had the opportunity to discuss and exchange ideas on the current challenges and opportunities that tourism faces in Cyprus and abroad. Moreover, during the seminar day a presentation of the BA in Hotel, Tourism and Event Management Program was implemented.

■ **Seminar day: “Job Forum”**

Organizers: Bachelor (BA) in Hotel, Tourism & Event Management and Center for Sustainable Management of Tourism, Sport & Events (CESMATSE)

Coordinators: Dr. Nikolaos Boukas, Dr. Christakis Sourouklis and Dr. Stelios Marneros

Speakers/Participating Organizations: Four Seasons Hotel, Grand Resort Limassol, Atlantica Aeneas Resort & Spa, Kanika Group of Hotels, Saint George Hotel, Pavlo Napa Beach Hotel, Nestor Hotel, Laura Beach Hotel, Tofinis Hotel, Napa Mermaid Hotel & Suites, Yianna Marie Group of Tourists Companies, Nissiana Hotel, New Famagusta Hotel, Evalena Hotel, Bella Napa Hotel

Venue: Cultural Center, EUC

Date: 16 February 2019

EUC and CESMATSE organized a seminar day aiming to connect students with executives of the tourism and hotel industry of Cyprus. The seminar day supported one of the most important strategic pillars of European University Cyprus, the link of our graduates with the tourism industry. The seminar day aimed to increase students' employability in the tourism and hotel industry. The day was implemented under the auspices of the BA in Hotel, Tourism & Event Management of the Business School, and the tourism/hotel professional world of the island. A necessary objective of the Hotel, Tourism and Event Management Program is the placement of students to tourism and hotel units, and in expansion the hospitality sector, of the island for gaining valuable experience, something that usually leads to a permanent professional career, in the long term.

■ **Event: “Major Differences between Blended Scotch Whiskey and Single Malt Whiskies”**

Organizer(s): Stelios Marneros

Speaker(s): Vangelis Spetzouras - Brand Ambassador Cosmos Laiko

Venue: Class Presentation and Whiskey Tasting

Date: 25 February 2019

An interesting presentation from Mr. Vangelis Spetzouras discussed the categories of Scotch whisky, and the differences between blended scotch whiskey and single malt Scotch whisky. A blended scotch whiskey is a blend of one or more single malt scotch whiskies that have been distilled at more than one distillery. A single malt Scotch whisky is a scotch whisky distilled at a single distillery from water and malted barley. At the end of the presentation, students tasted a variety of whiskies to understand their characteristics.

■ **Event: “Melco Meet the Company”**

Organizer(s): Stelios Marneros

Speaker(s): Mr. Kyriakos Yiangou – Training and Development Manager for Cyprus Casinos

Venue: Amphitheatre A

Date: 3 April 2019

The presentation from Mr. Kyriakos Yiangou focused on the introduction of ‘Melco Casinos’ and the latest developments in Cyprus in relevance to the hospitality and tourism industry. The presentation was very successful and very interesting for students and it lasted almost one hour and thirty minutes mainly because of the questions and answers. One of the major issues of this presentation were the career opportunities from ‘Melco Casinos’ in the coming years and especially the year 2020.

■ **Field Trip: “Visit to Aes Ambelis Winery – Wine Making Process”**

Organizer(s): Stelios Marneros

Speaker(s): Mr. George Tripatsas

Venue: Aes Ambelis Winery

Date: 6 May 2019

The field trip to Aes Ambelis winery was amazing and pleasant. Aes Ambelis was founded in 1992 with a vision to produce wines with premium quality and unique character. The winery is located on the slopes of Kalo Chorio, 28km southwest of Nicosia. Aes Ambelis is a two-level structure which includes winemaking facilities, an underground cellar for barrel and bottle aging, as well as a tasting and reception hall. A tour in Aes Ambelis winery is very worthwhile, as there you can both taste the wines and buy them. The owner of the winery, Mr. George Tripatsas, is very friendly and shares a lot of information about the winery. The experience is also unforgettable, as you can taste the wines, enjoy the mountain view and the vineyards, which are well planted.

■ **Event: “Digital Marketing: it is in your hands”**

Organizer(s): Dr. Myria Ioannou

Coordinator(s): Dr. Elmos Konis, Dr. Lycourgos Hadjiphanis

Speaker(s): Dr. Myria Ioannou, Dr. Elmos Konis, Ms. Theodora Tsolaki, Ms. Mariana Antonescu

Venue: EUC – room 200

Date: 7 May 2019

In light of the rapidly changing digital communications field, the event aimed at blending academic and practitioner knowledge in the field. To this end, the first part of the event addressed the theoretical developments in the field, placing particular emphasis on the salient role of customer engagement and providing guidelines as to its correct implementation. The second part, through the contribution of two practitioners, presented actual cases of products and brands, and discussed how customer engagement was positively impacted through digital communications.

■ **Event: “Social Media Best Practices for the Hospitality Industry”**

Organizer(s): Stelios Marneros

Speaker(s): Mariana Antonescu

Venue: EUC premises – Room 018

Date: 14 May 2019

The presentation focused on the influence of social media, and implications for the Hospitality Industry. It is actually a fact that Social Media has truly changed the entire way that people can travel the globe and communicate with each other. Availability of information via different channels of social media has changed hospitality marketing. Real-time decisions are being made using social media more than any other consumer category – and it is growing.

8.2.1.2. Department of Accounting, Economics and Finance

■ Guest Lecturer: 'Tax environment in the EU'

Organizer(s): School of Business Administration/ Department of Accounting, Economics and Finance (MBA)

Coordinator(s): Dr. Marios Mavrides

Speaker(s): Guest Lecturer: Mr. Panikos Tsailis, Tax consultant at Consulo Financial Services

Venue: Room 206

Date: 5 December 2018

■ Workshop: Start-up Europe come to Universities – AI and Augmented Reality in the ecosystem – Cyprus experience

Organizer(s): Dr. Simona Mihai

Speaker(s): Dr. Pericles Leng Cheng, Mr. George Georgiou, Dr. Loizos Michael, Professor George Papageorgiou, Mr. Athanasios Maimaris, Mr. Danis Theodoulou, Ms. Moyses Moyseos, Ms. Stavriana Kofteros, Mr. Panis Pieri

Venue: Room 012

Date: 12 December 2018

The School of Business organised a series of events during the Entrepreneurship week launched by the Worldwide Start-up Europe Universities Network initiative. This enabled Cyprus to enter the map during the global action to increase entrepreneurship via experiences from local entrepreneurs in 2018. The event focused on Artificial Intelligence in the ecosystem. Invitees and speakers from the Cyprus ecosystem connected the dots between the legal, business and technological aspects in the future trends. Over 140 persons participated in the event.

■ Workshop: Integrity at Work - Exploring Career Paths through CISI Professional Development Programs

Organizer(s): Dr. Simona Mihai

Coordinator(s): Dr. Alexis Kythreotis

Speaker(s): Mr. Petros Florides and Ms. Christiana Vasiadou

Venue: Room 202

Date: 17 April 2019

During April 2019, Dr. Simona Mihai organized a lecture with the support of the international professional organization CISI (Chartered Institute of Investments and Securities). The speaker was the President of CISI members Cyprus, Mr. Petros Florides and Ms. Christiana Vasiadou, member of the Cyprus CISI National Advisory Council and CEO of Lead Capital Markets. The topic of the event was "Exploring Career Paths through CISI Professional Development Programs" and "Ethics & Integrity in Financial Services". Mr. Florides emphasised the increased demands on issues of morality and integrity expected in the post-crisis financial professional. Ms. Vasiadou presented the opportunities available via internships and personal development trainings with CISI members and presented the CISI professional diplomas.

8.3. School of Sciences

8.3.1. Message from the Dean of the School of Sciences, Dr. Panos Papageorgis

During the academic year 2018-2019, the School of Sciences has organized and implemented a significant number of organizational, educational, research, and societal activities, as outlined below:

At the organizational level, this past academic year, the School and its faculty have placed significant effort and focus in the preparation of the Departmental and Programme evaluations as required by the Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education.

At the same time, the School continued and expanded its cooperation with the Ministries of Health and Education, private hospitals and healthcare providers, local professional organisations, pharmaceutical companies, as well as research institutes in order to facilitate accommodation of our students enrolled in the Health & Life Sciences programs during the implementation of their Clinical Practice and Practical Placement courses.

In the area of education, the continuous growth of the School of Sciences during the past academic year was reflected in the maintenance of the high number of newly enrolled students as well as in the total number of students. Moreover, students of our School reached significant achievements by presenting their work in international conferences, receiving awards in national competitions for Health and Safety and most importantly by publishing their research work in international peer-reviewed journals in fields such as Biological Sciences and Public Health. In addition, students of the Radiodiagnostics and Radiotherapy program organized a conference on the “Management of prostate and breast cancer”. Overall, the School of Sciences further improved its research activities and output. School faculty produced a large number of new publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals, and have significantly increased their participation in National and European research programs by acquiring approximately €2 million in funding.

The social contribution of the School was once again multifaceted and comprehensive. Faculty and students of our School organized and participated in numerous educational, training and solidarity activities during the past academic year. Examples of such activities and events include the ongoing yearly implementation of the ‘Health & Prevention’ program in cooperation with the company ExxonMobil; the implementation of international symposium in Speech Therapy; the Pancyprrian Conference of Mathematical Education and Science; events in the field of Educational Robotics; student-centered events organized by the DCSE; several workshops and seminars on Mental Health, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy Language and Speech Therapy; seminars organized by the Biological Sciences, Pharmacy, Nutrition and Dietetics programs and many others. Moreover, the School of Sciences continued to strengthen its links and cooperation with scientific, industrial and societal organizations, partners and stakeholders.

The key objectives of the School of Sciences for the Academic Year 2019-2020 include the development of new programs in emerging fields of life, health and computer sciences; the increase in student enrolment; the targeted and selective recruitment of high-calibre new faculty; the acquisition of additional research funding and increase of research output; and the further enhancement of activities that will facilitate employability of its graduates.



8.3.2. Events

8.3.2.1. Department of Computer Science and Engineering

■ Seminar: “1st DCSE Students Spring Event”

Organizers: Department of Computer Science and Engineering

Coordinator: Dr Marina Appiou-Nikiforou, Assistant Professor, Chair of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, European University Cyprus

Speakers: Dr. George Christou, Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, European University Cyprus

Venue: Robotics Lab (Room 015), European University Cyprus

Date: 27 September 2018

The Department of Computer Science and Engineering in an effort to welcome all its Freshmen students to its community and that of EUC organized this special event for the first time. The main goal was to bring together students and instructors in order to get to know each other. Moreover, a special tour of the campus was organized for students to get to know where the Department offices and labs are. The event concluded in the Microsoft Innovation Center.

■ Colloquium/Talk: “Graph theory: Modern Challenges and Application in Neuroscience”

Organizers: Department of Computer Science and Engineering / Department of Computer Science and Engineering / Mathematics (BSc) program

Coordinator: Dr. Ioannis Michos, Assistant Professor, Mathematics, European University Cyprus

Speaker: Dr. Andreas A. Ioannides, Managing Director Laboratory for Human Brain Dynamics (LHBD, AAI Scientific Cultural Services Ltd)

Venue: Classroom 106, European University Cyprus

Date: 27 December 2018

The representation of a complex system by a graph, that is as a collection of nodes and edges is an old problem. It has seen a revival in the last few decades, thanks to advances at the theoretical level, development of new algorithms exploiting the ever increasing capabilities of computers and the applications in many disparate disciplines from highly specialized domains of knowledge to the internet and it is at the heart of the 5G revolution that is beginning to set in motion the 4th industrial revolution. Attempts to convert the new emerging domain of Connectivity and Complex systems into a formal discipline have highlighted key ontological and epistemological challenges (Turnbull et al., 2018). These challenges were introduced in their general form before specializing in neuroscience applications of connectivity, distinguishing structural and functional (dynamic) (Friston, 2011; Ioannides, 2007) during health and disease (Stam, 2014). Modern connectivity studies often use big data analytics driven by powerful data mining techniques; this brute force approach can lead to results that are not easy to express in terms of basic concepts and often represent trends in the population that cannot always relate to individual cases.

Our approach to connectivity focused on addressing as well as possible the challenges of modern connectivity, with a personalized approach utilizing in depth information producing solutions (for interventions) that are relevant to specific cases. In our examples we use a wide range of approaches demonstrating how new insights are generated using connectivity analysis, even when the above challenges are partially addressed. Other examples included connectivity where temporal detail using short delays, coupled with good knowledge of the underlying system allow inferences to be made from networks of a small number of nodes through the highly variable weights of directed edges in studies of processing of objects and faces (Ioannides et al., 2000), sleep (Ioannides et al., 2004a) and schizophrenia (Ioannides et al., 2004b). The presentation ended with references to ongoing and new projects using connectivity, beginning with theoretical projects aiming to address some of the basic challenges, a common analysis tool for different disciplines (e.g. astrophysics and neuroscience), in-depth understanding of epilepsy across widely different timescales and exploring how to keep astronauts healthy in long-term space missions.

■ **Conference: “21st Pancyprrian Conference of Mathematical Education and Science”**

Organizers: Department of Computer Science and Engineering / Cyprus Mathematical Society

Coordinator: Dr. Marina Appiou-Nikiforou, Assistant Professor, Chair of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering

Venue: Cultural Center, European University Cyprus

Date: 25-26 January 2019

The Department of Computer Science and Engineering, in collaboration with the Cyprus Mathematical Society, organized this conference. The theme of the conference was Mathematical Education and Science at all levels of education: elementary, secondary and higher. It was held under the auspices of the Ministry of Education and Culture, European University Cyprus, THALES Foundation, Cyprus Mathematicians Association (ΣΜΑΚ) and the Cyprus Astronautical Society. It consisted of four parallel symposia: Mathematical Education Symposium, Mathematical Sciences Symposium, Astronautical and Space Sciences Symposium and Students Conference for High School students with talks and posters presented by students. The latter was the 15th Pancyprrian School Conference in Mathematics. The conference also included workshops and round table discussions on topics of interest to students and educators.

■ **Colloquium/Talk: “Modelling acoustic biosensors: from particle dynamics simulations to theory and back”**

Organizers: Department of Computer Science and Engineering / Mathematics (BSc) program

Coordinator: Dr. Ioannis Michos, Assistant Professor, Mathematics, European University Cyprus

Speaker: Dr. Vasileios Raptis (Post-doctoral Researcher, Institute of Molecular Biology Biotechnology, FORTH, Heraklion, Greece)

Venue: Classroom 203, European University Cyprus

Date: 27 February 2019

Acoustic biosensors are highly sensitive devices that measure tiny alterations in the oscillatory motion of a piezoelectric material subjected to an external voltage, when samples of biological matter, e.g., DNA, protein molecules or entire cells, are adsorbed on their surface. We have studied a particular class of these sensors, the so called QCM-D device that provides information on the size and shape of adsorbates, based on changes in the oscillation frequency and decay rate. We presented our efforts to capture the complex dynamics of the unsteady motion and dissipative processes at the sensor's solid liquid interface by means of coarse-grain particle dynamics coupled with hydrodynamics (including microscopic models and, again, particle dynamics coupled with hydrodynamics (including microscopic thermal fluctuations). Interestingly, a simple damped harmonic oscillator model sufficed to predict and partially interpret many experimental observations, thus paving the way to novel automated schemes with possible applications in Biology and Biomedicine. The role of particle dynamics simulations, on the other hand, is to provide additional detail that will elucidate the underlying microscopic mechanisms and allow to design better assays, enhance the sensors signal and devise more sensitive tests.

■ **Colloquium/Talk: “Back to Analog: Dissipationless computing, Deep Learning, Drone Swarms and all that”**

Organizers: Department of Computer Science and Engineering / Mathematics (BSc) program

Coordinator: Dr. Ioannis Michos, Assistant Professor, Mathematics, European University Cyprus

Speaker: Dr. Vasileios Raptis (Post-doctoral Researcher, Institute of Molecular Biology Biotechnology, FORTH, Heraklion, Greece)

Venue: Classroom 203, European University Cyprus

Date: 28 February 2019

It has been shown (Theophanes Raptis, 2016) that certain methods exist by which certain parallel models of computations like Cellular Automata (CA) could be reduced to single signal representations with constant power spectral density paving the way for alternative computing with low heat production. Later on, this was shown to be equivalent to an LTI filter cascade, the simplest of which could be expressed via a combination of circulant convolution and an adaptive reverberator (comb) filter. At the same time, another author (Ozgur Yilmaz) had shown the possibility of employing such large-scale CA systems for Deep Learning via Reservoir Computing (RC). The original model has been recently promoted to a generic hybrid, analog signal-based kind of computing, incorporating arbitrary symbolic substitution systems; this is also transferable

to RF Channels for distributed computing applications including self-organized robotic or drone swarms able to navigate over an open terrain with minimal intervention from ground base. Currently, methods are being investigated for subduing large, even random matrices into a special hierarchy of convolution filters that admit alloptical implementations via lenses and gratings in the context of so called, Fourier-Fresnel optics.

■ **Seminar: "1st DCSE Students Spring Event"**

Organizers: Department of Computer Science and Engineering

Coordinator: Dr. Marina Appiou-Nikiforou, Assistant Professor, Chair of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering

Speakers: Mr. George Malekkos (main speaker, CEO of Powersoft), Ms. Christina Vasou (PhD student in Educational Sciences)

Venue: AUB, European University Cyprus

Date: 6 March 2019

This new successful mini-event was aiming to engage all current students of the Department and enhance their sense of belonging to both the Department and by extension to the University. It provided the opportunity to faculty to socialize with students and make them feel that they continuously support them. Special thanks to Mr. George Malekkos for his outstanding inspirational talk and Mrs. Christina Vasou for her live presentation. Also, to alumni students Konstantinos Roufas and Iakovos Iakovou for their helpful presentations.

■ **Conference: "Academic Student Conference (ASTUCON 2019)"**

Organizers: Department of Computer Science and Engineering

Coordinator: Dr. Ioannis Michos, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering

Venue: Aliathon Village Hotel in Paphos-Cyprus.

Date: 13-17 March 2019

A team of two students majoring in Mathematics, namely Panayiotis Antoniou and Andreas Aristotelous, mentored and accompanied by Dr. Ioannis Michos participated to ASTUCON by preparing a presentation and presenting in it. The presentation was titled UN-ILLUMINABLE ROOMS AND THEIR APPLICATIONS, which deals with a problem first posed in the 1950's which was solved for different rooms and has applications for example in Sonar and Echolocation, Satellite Communications, and Optics.

■ **Seminar: "Cybersecurity Awareness Seminar"**

Organizers: Department of Computer Science and Engineering / ISACA Cyprus Chapter

Coordinator: Dr. Marina Appiou-Nikiforou, Assistant Professor, Chair of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering

Speakers: Cybersecurity presentation - Mr. Christos Makedonas, Immediate ISACA Past-President, Member of the board CSX certification program

Mr. Paschalis Pissarides, Academic Relations Director ISACA Cyprus Chapter

Venue: Microsoft Information Center, European University Cyprus

Date: 25 June 2019

The Department of Computer Science and Engineering, in collaboration with ISACA (Cyprus Chapter), organized the Cybersecurity Awareness Seminar. The main objective of the seminar was to provide a comprehensive picture of corporate governance through a comparative analysis of positive points and best practices since any organization has the obligation to protect its valuable digital data from possible cyberattacks.

The seminar aimed at existing and future IT and information security professionals who want to broaden their knowledge of cybersecurity and also wish to attain ISACA certifications.

The presentations were given by two experts in the field of cyber security, who are considered to be leading in their field. These are Mr. Christos Makedonas, with 12 years of experience in the field of cyber security, information systems control and digital forensics, immediate president of ISACA Cyprus Chapter, and Mr. Paschalis Pissarides, Academic Relations Director of ISACA Cyprus Chapter.

■ **Summer School: “Game Design and Development”**

Organizers: Department of Computer Science and Engineering / Center for Game Studies

Coordinator: Dr. George Christou, Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering,

Venue: Game Design Lab (006), European University Cyprus

Date: 2-10 July 2019

The summer school on Game Design and Development was organized and run solely by Dr. George Christou, the Director of the Center for Game Studies, on his own initiative. The students taking part in the summer school were a team of 13 gymnasium students from the Leivadia Gymnasium, who competed in an earlier entrepreneurship competition organized and ran by EUC-PEAK. The team of students placed fourth overall in the competition, but because of an exceptional presentation, Dr. Christou decided to offer them the chance to intensively study Game Design and Development under his tutelage in the Summer. The summer school took place during 2-7 July 2019, from 9:30 - 12:30 at the Game Design Lab (006).

■ **Workshop: “Graph Theory and Applications in Sciences”**

Organizers: Department of Computer Science and Engineering / Astrophysics and High Performance Computing Research Group of EUC

Coordinator: Dr. Vicky Papadopoulou, Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Member of the Astrophysics and High Performance Computing Research Group

Speakers: Dr. Dimitris Fotakis, National Technical University of Athens, Greece

Dr. Spyros Vasilakos, Research Center for Astronomy and Applied Mathematics, Academy of Athens, Greece

Dr. George Spyrou, Bioinformatics ERA Chair, Head of the Bioinformatics Group at the Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics, Cyprus

Venue: Classroom 209, European University Cyprus

Date: 18 July 2019

The workshop aims to bring together scientists from Applied Sciences and Computer Science in an effort to present and discuss scientific approaches that utilize Graph Theory and Network Analysis in order to study diverse complex systems spanning from applications of Biomedicine to Cosmology.

8.3.2.2. Department of Life Sciences

■ **Seminar: “Inorganic Materials Suitable for biological and other applications”**

Organizers: Department of Life Sciences / Pharmacy (BSc) program

Coordinators:

- Dr. Eleni Moushi, Assistant Professor, Department of Life Sciences, Program of Pharmacy, European University Cyprus

- Dr. Sotiris Michaleas, Assistant Professor, Coordinator of the Pharmacy (BSc) program, Chair of the Life Sciences Department, European University Cyprus

Speakers:

- Prof. George Christou, Drago and Distinguished Professor, Department of Chemistry, University of Florida

- Dr. Anastasios J. Tasiopoulos, Professor, Department of Chemistry, University of Cyprus

Venue: Auditorium B, European University Cyprus

Date: 19 November 2018

The seminar involved two oral presentations by Prof. George Christou and Dr. Anastasios Tasiopoulos. During the event, the two researchers discussed about current challenges in the area of Inorganic materials that are suitable for biological and other applications and about the cutting-edge research that is performed in their groups.

■ **Seminar: “Diet for the Third Age & New Data in Clinical Dietetics”**

Organizers: Department of Life Sciences / Nutrition & Dietetics (BSc) and Applied Nutrition (MSc) programs

Coordinator: Dr. Stavrie Chrysostomou, Assistant Professor, Coordinator of the Nutrition & Dietetics (BSc) and Applied Nutrition (MSc) programs

Speakers: Dr. Mary Giannakoulia, Associate Professor of Nutrition, Harokopio University

Ms. Assiotou Maria, Dietician, Master student of Clinical Dietetics, European University Cyprus

Ms. Zacharia Zoe, Dietician, Master student of Clinical Dietetics, European University Cyprus

Ms. Agathou Laoura, Dietician, Master student of Clinical Dietetics, European University Cyprus

Venue: Auditorium B, European University Cyprus

Date: 26 November 2018

The conference was held in the EPC and was aimed at informing Dietitians and Nutritionists about other nutrition issues in the Third House and the anti-aging properties of certain nutrients. Honorary guest at the meeting was the Deputy Professor of Nutrition of the Harokopio University, Dr. Maris Giannakoulia.

■ **Seminar: “Pharmacy: Legal aspects of the profession in Greece and in Cyprus”**

Organizers: Department of Life Sciences / Pharmacy (BSc) program

Coordinator: Dr. Sotiris Michaleas, Assistant Professor, Coordinator of the Pharmacy (BSc) program, Chair of the Life Sciences Department, European University Cyprus

Speakers:

- Mr. Ploutarchos Georgiades, Vice President of the Pancyprian Pharmacy Association and President of the Nicosia Pharmacy Association

- Mr. Gregoris Gregoriou, President of the Limassol Pharmacy Association

- Ms. Sofia Aggelou, Legal Advisor of the Pharmacy Association of Attiki, Greece

Venue: Classroom 012, European University Cyprus

Date: 5 December 2018

The purpose of the event was to provide answers to the key questions of Pharmacy students regarding the legal aspects of the Pharmaceutical profession, with emphasis on the legal status of Pharmacy in Greece and Cyprus. Also, the aim of the conference was to highlight the problems related to pharmaceutical care and the Greek and Cypriot pharmacy. In the framework of the Workshop, a discussion was held on the prospects and challenges that arise in the modern economic and social environment and how through them the new pharmacists can look for ways out of the crisis.

■ **Seminar: “Current Advances in Cancer Research”**

Organizers: Department of Life Sciences / Biological Sciences (BSc) program

Coordinator: Dr Apostolos Zaravinos, Associate Professor, Coordinator of the Biological Sciences (BSc) program, European University Cyprus

Speakers: Dr. Andreas Stylianou (European University Cyprus & University of Cyprus); Dr. Katerina Strati (University of Cyprus); Dr. Antonis Kirmizis (University of Cyprus); Dr. Konstantinos Voskarides (University of Cyprus); Dr. Myrtani Pieri (University of Nicosia); Dr. Apostolos Zaravinos (European University Cyprus)

Venue: Auditorium Delta, European University Cyprus

Date: 13 December 2018

During the event, cutting-edge topics in the field of Molecular Biology and Biomedical Sciences were examined. More specifically, the audience was informed about cell and tissue nanomechanical properties in cancer research; cellular plasticity in regeneration and cancer; the role of epigenetic misregulation in cancer, focusing on the case of histone acetyltransferase Naa40; how cancer genes are under positive selection in cells and populations; the role of bovine-specific miRNAs in human digestion and how they can affect cancer-related processes in colorectal cancer; as well as how mutational signatures and kataegis differ across cytolytic subgroups of colorectal cancer.

■ **Workshop: “The Importance of Nutrition in Improving Learning Outcomes during Examination period”**

Organizers: Department of Life Sciences / Nutrition & Dietetics (BSc) and Applied Nutrition (MSc) programs / Ministry of Education and Culture and the Youth Organization

Coordinators: - Dr. Stavrie Chrysostomou, Assistant Professor, Coordinator of the Nutrition & Dietetics (BSc) and Applied Nutrition (MSc) programs, European University Cyprus

- Dr. Christiana Philippou, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Nutrition & Dietetics (BSc) program, European University Cyprus

Speakers: - Dr. Stavrie Chrysostomou, Assistant Professor, Coordinator of the Nutrition & Dietetics (BSc) and Applied Nutrition (MSc) programs, European University Cyprus

- Dr. Christiana Philippou, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Nutrition & Dietetics (BSc) program, European University Cyprus

Venue: Cultural Center, European University Cyprus

Date: 16 April 2019

The conference aimed to inform students about the role of nutrition and individual nutrients in mental function and in improving learning outcomes. The conference was addressed to nutritionists and to health professionals as well.

■ **Seminar: “The Role of the Pharmacist in the General Health System”**

Organizers: Department of Life Sciences / Pharmacy (BSc) program

Coordinator: - Dr. Sotiris Michaleas, Assistant Professor, Coordinator of the Pharmacy (BSc) program, Chair of the Life Sciences Department, European University Cyprus

Speakers: - Ms. Eleni Piera Iseyiek, President of the Pancyprian Pharmacy Association,

- Dr Petrou Panagiotis Representative of OAY

Venue: Classroom 012, European University Cyprus

Date: 5 June 2019

The seminar was addressed to the students of the Pharmacy program, aiming to inform them about the forthcoming changes in their profession, due to the establishment of the General Health System.

■ **Presentation: “Presentation of scientific papers by the students of Nutrition and Dietetics (BSc) and Applied Nutrition and Dietetics-Clinical Dietetics (MSc) and awarding of prizes to the excellent students”**

Organizers: Department of Life Sciences / Nutrition & Dietetics (BSc) and Applied Nutrition (MSc) programs

Coordinators: - Dr. Stavrie Chrysostomou, Assistant Professor, Coordinator of the Nutrition & Dietetics (BSc) and Applied Nutrition (MSc) programs, European University Cyprus

- Dr. Christiana Philippou, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Nutrition & Dietetics (BSc) program, European University Cyprus

Speakers: Students of Nutrition and Dietetics (BSc) and Applied Nutrition and Dietetics-Clinical Dietetics (MSc)

Venue: AUB, European University Cyprus

Date: 25 July 2019

This seminar was dedicated to students and graduates of the Nutrition and Dietetics programs (BSc & MSc). Students presented their own studies in an effort to encourage and applaud their academic skills. Prizes were awarded to the best students of the BSc in Nutrition & Dietetics Program.

8.3.2.3. Department of Health Sciences

■ Seminar: “Play smart ... for a life without dependencies”

Organizers: Department of Health Sciences / Psychiatric structure ANOSI and under the auspices of the Nursing Services of the Ministry of Health

Coordinators: - Prof. Stavroula Andrea-Apostolidou, Coordinator of the MSc in Nursing program, European University Cyprus

- Dr. Maria Prodromou, Assistant Professor, Coordinator of the BSc in Nursing program, European University Cyprus

Speakers: - Dr. Alevizopoulos George, Professor of Psychiatry, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

- Dr. Samartzis Lambros, Psychiatrist, Ministry of Health, Mental Health Services

- Prof. Stavroula Andrea-Apostolidou, Coordinator of the MSc in Nursing program, European University Cyprus

- Mr. Charalambos Pittas, Nurse, Instructor at the School of Medicine, European University Cyprus

- Ms. Gimbi Maria, Nurse, Rehabilitation center, Nicosia

- Ms. Nantia Hadjiprokopiou, student of the BSc in Nursing program

- Dr. Maria Prodromou, Assistant Professor, Coordinator of the BSc in Nursing program, European University Cyprus

Venue: Cultural Center, European University Cyprus

Date: 4 October 2018

This is the 5th Workshop organized on the basis of the frequency and complexity of dependencies, because the incriminating factors are assessed not to be eliminated, but on the contrary, young people nowadays are more exposed to many new dangers. Factors incriminated such as the crisis of values, the family crisis, poverty and unemployment remain a major problem today.

■ Seminar: Family and Mental Health: “Living with mental illness”

Organizers: Department of Health Sciences / Nursing (BSc) program

Coordinators: Dr. Maria Prodromou, Assistant Professor, Coordinator of the BSc in Nursing program, European University Cyprus

Chair of the Event: Prof. Stavroula Andrea-Apostolidou, Coordinator of the MSc in Nursing program, European University Cyprus

Speakers: - Dr. Maria Prodromou, Assistant Professor, Coordinator of the BSc in Nursing program, European University Cyprus, Coordinator of the Workshop Family Burden & Mental Health Diseases

- Dr. Eleni Kyprianou, Psychiatrist, M.D.

- Mr. Andreas Efstathiou, Psychologist

- Ms. Maria Zoumboboulou, Lecturer of Ergotherapy, European University Cyprus

- Ms. Maria Stephanou, President of Cyprus Association of Friends and Families of Mental Health

Venue: Auditorium B, European University Cyprus

Date: 10 November 2018

The association of relatives and friends of mental health AGALIA every year in cooperation with the European University Cyprus organizes a workshop aimed to raise awareness about mental health and illness issues. In this year's seminar we had the opportunity to develop issues such as the role of pharmacotherapy in mental illness, family burden and the consequences of mental illness in the family environment, to present thoughts and feelings of the patients themselves as well as to further analyze the role of professionals' health in the treatment of mental illness aiming at empowering and acquiring mental health.

■ Presentation: “Occupational Therapy at the Limits: Reflection from the Practice to Refugees”

Organizers: Department of Health Sciences / Occupational Therapy (BSc) program

Coordinator: Dr. Pavlina Psychouli, Coordinator of the BSc in Occupational Therapy program, European University Cyprus

Speakers: - Dr. Pavlina Psychouli, Coordinator of the BSc in Occupational Therapy program, European University Cyprus

- Mr. Theodoros Bogeas

Venue: Classroom 012, European University Cyprus

Date: 14 December 2018

Mr Bogeas is an Occupational therapist with many years of experience in working with refugee populations. Mr Bogeas transferred his experiences along with suggestions as to how health professions may be included and have an input in humanitarian crises.

■ **Presentation: “The role of the Italian Association Amici di Raoul Follereau (AIFO)”**

Organizers: Department of Health Sciences / Occupational Therapy (BSc) program

Coordinator: Dr. Pavlina Psychouli, Coordinator of the BSc in Occupational Therapy program, European University Cyprus

Speaker: Mr. Franco Macera, Technical consultant of Aifo

Venue: Classroom 010, European University Cyprus

Date: 19 December 2018

Mr. Macera is a member of the Italian organization AIFO, an NGO that acts within but mostly outside Europe and has been one of the main collaborators of the World Health Organization. The presentation informed on ways of handling humanitarian crises and the potential role of occupational therapists.

■ **Seminar: “Neuromusculoskeletal spinal conditions: An evidence-based approach”**

Organizers: Department of Health Sciences / Physiotherapy (BSc) program

Coordinator: Dr. Christos Savva, Assistant Professor, Coordinator of the Physiotherapy (BSc) program, European University Cyprus

Speakers: - Mr. Christos Karayiannis, Clinical Trainer of Physiotherapy, European University Cyprus

- Mr. Christos Markou, Clinical Trainer of Physiotherapy, European University Cyprus

- Mr. Michalis Zounis, Clinical Trainer of Physiotherapy, European University Cyprus

- Mr. Charalambos Papacharalambous, PhD candidate, Physiotherapy program, European University Cyprus

- Dr. Christos Savva, Assistant Professor, Coordinator of the Physiotherapy (BSc) program, European University Cyprus

- Ms. Stephani Argyrou, Clinical Trainer of Physiotherapy, European University Cyprus

- Ms. Emanuella Ioannou, Special Scientist, European University Cyprus

- Mr. Panayiotis Rentzias, Clinical Trainer of Physiotherapy, European University Cyprus

- Prof. Apostolos Stergioulas, Professor of Physiotherapy program, European University Cyprus

- Dr. Antonis Zacharopoulos, Scientific Collaborator of Physiotherapy program, European University Cyprus

- Mr. George Ploutarchou, Clinical Trainer of Physiotherapy, European University Cyprus

Venue: Classroom 012, European University Cyprus

Date: 23 February 2019

The purpose of the particular event was to provide information about the proper assessment and treatment of various neuromusculoskeletal dysfunctions of the neck and lumbar spine.

■ **Seminar: European Speech and Therapy Day 2019: “Autistic Spectrum Disorder and Uniform Education: The Challenge of Tomorrow!”**

Organizers: Department of Health Sciences / Speech and Therapy (BSc) program

Coordinator: Dr Maria Christopoulou, Assistant Professor, Speech and Therapy (BSc) program, European University Cyprus

Speakers: - Dr. Machi Kleanthous, MD Special Child Psychiatrist

- Dr. Elena Theodorou, Lecturer of Logotherapy, TEPAK

- Ms. Evgenia Partela-Mina, Parent, Representative of the Association of Relatives and Friends of people with Autism, “MAZI”

Venue: Classroom 012, European University Cyprus

Date: 6 March 2019

In the framework of the European Day of Speech and Therapy, a Round Table discussion on the subject “Autistic Spectrum Disorder and Uniform Education: The Challenge of Tomorrow!” was organized. The event was open to all scientists, educators, doctors, psychologists, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, special educators and parents.

■ **Educational Seminar: “Cognitive Orientation to daily Occupational Performance (CO-OP)”**

Organizers: Department of Health Sciences / Occupational Therapy (BSc) program

Coordinator: Dr. Pavlina Psychouli, Coordinator of the BSc in Occupational Therapy program, European University Cyprus

Speakers: - Helene Polatajko, Professor of Occupational therapy at the University of Toronto,

- Jolien van den Houten, Senior lecturer of Occupational Therapy at Hogeschool

Venue: Omega, EUC

Date: 16-18 March 2019

The event was organized in collaboration with the Pancypriot Organization of Occupational Therapists. The purpose of the workshop was to provide theoretical knowledge on the Cognitive Orientation to daily Occupational Performance, a performance-based treatment approach for children and adults who experience difficulties performing the skills they want to, need to or are expected to perform.

■ **Conference: 5th Student Conference of the “Radiology-Radiotherapy (BSc) program on: “Management of prostate and breast cancer”**

Organizers: Department of Health Sciences / Radiology-Radiotherapy (BSc) program

Coordinators: Dr. Irene Polycarpou, Assistant Professor, Coordinator of the Radiology-Radiotherapy (BSc) program, European University Cyprus

Mr. Stephanos Leandrou, Special Teaching Personnel, Radiology-Radiotherapy (BSc) program, European University Cyprus

Speakers: Students of the Radiodiagnostics/Radiotherapy program of the European University Cyprus

Venue: Auditorium Delta, European University Cyprus

Date: 17 April 2019

Students of the Radiodiagnostics/Radiotherapy program of European University Cyprus presented their projects regarding the Management of prostate and breast cancer in the form of oral presentations and poster presentations. At the end of the conference, the audience were informed about the prospects of employment in the profession of “Radiologic Technologist and Radiotherapy Technologist” from the Board of the Pancyprian Association of Radiologic Technologists - Radiotherapy Technologist.

■ **Workshop – Seminar: “Limits: The barriers are filter that are protecting or isolating us?”**

Organizers: Department of Health Sciences / Nursing (BSc) program / Lions Organization

Coordinators: Dr. Maria Prodromou, Assistant Professor, Coordinator of the BSc in Nursing program, European University Cyprus

Speakers: Dr. Maria Prodromou, Assistant Professor, Coordinator of the BSc in Nursing program, European University Cyprus

Venue: Classroom 200, European University Cyprus

Date: 7 June 2019

Often people are not prepared to face challenges of their everyday life. Personal boundaries are the axes that everyone sets forth to indicate to others the way they can behave. The boundaries are not walls that isolate us but filters that protect us.

This lecture demonstrated

- What the limits are
- Limits provide or fail to provide security
- The limits create autonomous children, adults and professionals

8.4. School of Medicine

8.4.1. Message from the Dean of the School of Medicine, Prof. Elizabeth Johnson

As the Academic Year draws to an end, it is time to take a moment to reflect on our activities and accomplishments over the past few months. As we reflect, we should take pride in all of our accomplishments that were made with a team effort and spirit. However, we should also be aware of the challenges that lay ahead, and the role we are asked to play to improve health care through innovation in education, research, and community service.

Among the several highlights of this year was the launching of an Academic Partnership with Hygeia Hospital in Athens, Greece. Shortly afterwards, we launched another Academic Partnership with Hadassah University Hospital in Jerusalem, Israel. These partnerships establish hubs of excellence and are important steps that chronicle our growth to a global position in academic medicine. They serve as a reminder that many of our greatest achievements were born from strong collaborations and support and through close partnerships with our great affiliated hospitals, including IASO Hospital in Athens, Greece and numerous hospitals in Cyprus, including private centers (German Oncology Center, American Medical Center, Apollonio Hospital, Aretaieo Hospital, Hippocrateon Hospital, Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics) and public hospitals, (Larnaca General Hospital, Ammochostos General Hospital, Archbishop Makarios General Hospital, and Nicosia General Hospital). These strategic partnerships have allowed us to fulfill our potential in clinical training and service.

Over the last Academic Year, the School was enriched with several new outstanding faculty members, including Dr. Eirini Agapidaki (Public Health), Dr. Aris Angouridis (Internal Medicine), Dr. Konstantinos Ekmektzoglou (Gastroenterology), Dr. George Hadjigeorgiou (Neurosurgery/Neuroscience), Dr. Eleni Kandaraki (Endocrinology), Dr. Nikos Karpettas (Cardiology), Dr. Konstantinos Michaelidides (Histology/Pathology), Dr. Diamantis Michalinos (General Surgery/Anatomy), Dr. Zoi Pana (Pediatrics) and Dr. Pantelis Trompoukis (OB/GYN). A key part of the strategic management plan for faculty recruitment and retention focused on integrating new faculty into their new work environment as quickly as possible. This included an “onboarding and orientation” program, which shortens time to productivity so that new faculty can make an impact immediately. This year the School launched its first New Faculty Orientation so that the new faculty could integrate effectively and quickly into the program. The School also welcomed the Nobel Laureate, Professor Aaron Chiechanover, to its ranks as Honorary Professor in an Inauguration Ceremony that took place with the administration, faculty and students.

To achieve and maintain high standards, the School of Medicine initiated several Ad Hoc Committees (Curriculum Committee, Quality Assurance Committee, Academic Committee, Admissions Committee, Clinical Training Committee, Structure & Function Committee, Assessment/Examination Committee, Simulation Committee, Medical Thesis Committee, Continuing Medical Education Committee, Medical Greek Committee, Research Website Committee and Research Committee). This action allowed us to fulfill our potential with strategic planning meetings that have had a positive impact on our rapid development, as well as monitoring our compliance with the World Federation of Medical Education (WFME) standards. The ongoing sessions of these newly established committees have given us the opportunity reaffirm our goals and better align ourselves to our Mission and Vision, bringing faculty, staff, hospital partners and students together. Our Medical School has always placed a high value on collaboration and teamwork. This was evident in the outcomes of each committee.

Research has moved to center stage with the recently established Medical Sciences Center (MSC) under the auspices of the School's Scientific Director, Professor Anastasios Stephanou, and a newly equipped basic science cell biology laboratory. In collaboration with distinguished scholars from Cyprus and abroad, the aim is to serve as a regional research platform in biomedicine. In addition to publishing several high impact articles, the MSC has partnered in large research grants. GOING-FWD is a transatlantic, 5-continent project aimed at large data science and personalized medicine that includes a worldwide partnership with McGill University, University of Vienna, Karolinska Institute, University of Murcia, part of ERA-NET (H2020). The School is also part of partnership in a COST network including 55 members from institutions in 17 COST countries. The GEMSTONE is aimed at reaching out to a wider range of researchers active in musculoskeletal biology, in order to fuel the production of discoveries and their biological relevance, which will allow their translation to treatments and new molecular definitions. EUC is the only Cypriot organization participating in the project, which is funded by the European Cooperation in Science and Technology, coordinated by Professor F. Rivadeneira, Erasmus University Medical Center Rotterdam, The Netherlands. The renewed focus on research is underscored by the School hosting the course entitled “Principles and Practice of Clinical Research” by the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, an effort co-coordinated by Dr. Eirini Agapidaki, Dr. Ingeborg Friehs.

We are fully committed to the quality dissemination of medical knowledge. Keeping pace with the rapid developments in medical science, we hosted two noteworthy international congresses. The 6th International Multi-thematic Scientific Bio-Medical Congress hosted distinguished scientists and clinicians in the plethora sessions in an annual congress that has become a primary forum for academic exchange in Cyprus. It is in this spirit that Professor Ioannis Patrikios, the founder of the Congress and the Program Director, created an excellent scientific program that included plenary lectures, keynote lectures, and poster sessions designed to provide an innovative and comprehensive overview of the latest research developments in bio-medical sciences, across a wide gamma of topics. The School hosted the 2nd International Congress of Health Workforce Education & Research (Nicosia2019) in an effort spearheaded by Professor Theodoros Xanthos, as part of the School's focus to step to the forefront of global medical and health education. The International Network for Health Workforce Education (INHWE) is a quickly growing network consisting of over 1,500 international delegates, whose efforts are devoted to healthcare education and to bridge the gap between health workforce educators, researchers and policy makers. Hosting the 2019 Congress with diverse, international delegates from over 20 countries underscores our commitment to improve the training provided to health professionals globally. In this same light, in collaboration with the Department of Educational Sciences, we examined the use of digital learning materials and media in adult education. The effort spearheaded by Dr. Dimitrios Ntourakis was aimed at developing digital competencies of educators. We are dedicated to preparing the healthcare leaders of tomorrow, with outstanding clinicians and scientists who will contribute to the advancement of science and medicine across the globe.

The importance that we place as a School on Infectious Diseases is underscored by the fact that the first MSc program that School of Medicine offered is dedicated to Infectious Diseases: Prevention & Control. The 3-semester post-graduate program was launched in the Fall. The program designed by the steering committee under the auspices of the coordinator, Dr. Constantinos Tsioutis, aims to provide an in-depth understanding of the principles, practice and current research in the prevention and control of infectious diseases. The School honed its expertise in Infectious Diseases education and research with several other educational activities, including hosting collaborative actions and workshops with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the European Center for Disease Control and Prevention (ECDC). Notable was the CME-accredited 2nd European Seminar of the European Training Programme in Infection Prevention and Control. The School, with the efforts of Dr. Tsioutis, joined forces with the European Committee on Infection Control and the European Society for Clinical Microbiology and Infection Control to address the postgraduate seminar "Infection Prevention and Control: Surveillance and Metacompetence" that was attended by healthcare professionals from around the world.

As an international academic entity, the School of Medicine continues to encourage and promote agreements with international hospitals and research institutions of the highest caliber for student Summer Externships. Recent additions include the Weizmann Institute of Science, Hebrew University of Jerusalem in the laboratory of Nobel Laureate Ada Yonath, as well as Johns Hopkins University, School of Medicine. This summer, we had the opportunity to send our students to over 50 different clinics and laboratories around the world, including Oxford, Shriners Hospitals, University of Pennsylvania, Barts and the London School of Medicine, among many others, to gain clinical and research experience.

In the past year, we have seen new examples in social responsibility emerge, with our faculty and medical students leading the way. These included collaboration in an international congress focused on Patient Safety, led by Drs. Aris Angouridis, Eirini Agapidaki and Constantinos Tsioutis. In effort spearheaded by the Ministry of Health to facilitate Accreditation of Personal Doctors in the new Health System of Cyprus, Dr. Constantinos Tsioutis and Dr. Aris Angouridis, actively participated in the design, teaching and examination activities of this initiative. Faculty members, (Dr. Constantinos Tsioutis and Dr. Aris Angouridis) play a pivotal role on the Committee on Clinical Guidelines and Protocols, established by the Cyprus Ministry of Health. Faculty and students, spearheaded by Dr. Dimitrios Ntourakis, worked together on several educational community outreach efforts including the Researcher's Night at Limassol, Researchers Day at EUC, Biology workshop for Children, and the Biodiversity Workshop for Children "Exploring the Brain".

Finally, we witnessed two historic events during the Academic Year Fall 2018 – Spring 2019. The year began with the first dedicated Medical Student Orientation & White Coat Ceremony and ended with the first Commencement Ceremony of EUC Medical Graduates. We celebrated both of these major milestones, marking them as the greatest moments of transition in the careers of our students. During the Convocation Ceremony, students were given their first White Coat, in a ceremony that was a "rite of passage" to the world of studying medicine. To symbolize the importance of the bond between student and teacher, the faculty cloaked each student with their first white coat. During the Convocation / Graduation Ceremony, graduates were

hooded to denote their new status and profession medicine. Being hooded by their teachers and mentors signified that the knowledge each student has gained was possible only with the continued guidance and support of their teachers. To mark the transition from student to clinical, each graduate signed the “EUC, School of Medicine, Book of Graduates”. Here for the first time graduates used the initials M.D. (Medical Doctor) following their name. This important step forward was witnessed by the General Secretary of the Athens Medical Association, Dr. Efstathios Tsoukalos. While during the White Coat Ceremony, students took an oath, committing themselves to the highest standards of the profession, to be an ethical and honorable student, during the Commencement Ceremony students took another oath, the Hippocratic Oath or Physicians’ Oath. The oath, which was led by a prominent medical leader of Cyprus, and President of the PanCypriot Medical Association, Dr. Petros Agathangelou, bound each graduate to the professional commitments that bind all clinicians. The involvement of both Medical Associations in the Commencement Ceremony reflects the ethos of the School. To underscore the integral relationship between the School of Medicine and the community, the Hippocratic Oath every year will be led by the President of the Pancypriot Association. The keynote commencement speaker was Professor Achilleas Gravanis who inspired graduates with advice about their future role as clinicians.

As we reflect on our achievements of the last year and embrace next year’s challenges, we recall the words of Confucius who tells us “study the past if you would define the future”. With our annual Yearbook, the opportunity arises not only to take a look back at our past and the people and events that got us here, but also to take a look forward – towards the future that lies ahead of us, and the roles each of us will be asked to play. The EUC School of Medicine will continue to abide to its mission and vision to step to the forefront of global medical service and healthcare education. We remain dedicated to preparing the healthcare leaders of tomorrow.



8.4.2. Events

8.4.2.1. Department of Medicine

■ New Faculty Orientation

Organizer(s): School of Medicine

Coordinator(s): Prof. E. Johnson

Venue: School's facilities

Date: 12 September 2018

The School of Medicine established the New Faculty Orientation (NFO) seminar, which aims to familiarize new faculty (primarily full-time, but also part-time) with the educational model of EUC, the basic principles and means of teaching, and EUC rules and policies.

■ EUC at the "Researcher's Night"

Organizer(s): School of Medicine

Coordinator(s): Dimitrios Ntourakis

Venue: Lanitis Carob Mill in Limassol

Date: 28 September 2018

European University Cyprus actively participated in the "Researcher's Night 2018". This is an event organized by the Research Promotion Foundation (RPF) in collaboration with academic and research institutions, as well as other organizations in Cyprus. The event is an initiative of the European Commission and takes place simultaneously in almost all European countries.

It took place at the Lanitis Carob Mill in Limassol on 28 September 2018 and offered the opportunity to enjoy a creative night-time event dedicated to science and research, through experiments, games, competitions and music.

Audiences of different ages had the opportunity to meet up with Cypriot researchers and see their work, in a festive, friendly atmosphere. In each stand, researchers presented their work and informed the public about the role and importance of research in the modern world, as well as the practical applications of their research results in everyday life. At the same time, participants had the opportunity to engage in hands-on experiments and become researchers for one night.

■ White Coat Ceremony of European University Cyprus School of Medicine

Organizer(s): School of Medicine

Coordinator(s): Prof. E. Johnson

Venue: Cultural Center

Date: 21 September 2018

First-year Medicine and Dentistry students of European University Cyprus, coming from Germany, Austria, Greece, Spain, Russia, Norway, the United Kingdom, Ireland, the Netherlands and other countries, participated in the White Coat Ceremony marking their induction to the school, as well as the commitment to their studies in Medicine and Dentistry. This is something that the School – and by extension the country – can be proud of, with so many nationalities now trusting the European University Cyprus Medical School for new generation doctors.

The Dean of the School of Medicine Professor, George Petrikos, and Dean Professor Elizabeth Johnson delivered inspiring speeches. "Excellence is a matter of teamwork," said Professor Petrikos. Dean Johnson advised the students at the conclusion of her speech: "Make the difference. Voltaire had said that "great power implies great responsibility." Being a doctor or dentist is a privilege. With this privilege comes the power. With this privilege, you have to think about how you can give back to society. How can you make the difference. This is your own privilege and your own responsibility as future leaders in the medical sector. And today you become professionals. From today, you accept the responsibilities, obligations but also the sacrifices that accompany the privilege of studying and practicing Medicine and Dentistry".

The White Coat Ceremony is a symbolic transition event, during which the first-year students of European University Cyprus School of Medicine wear their first white medical robes with the help of their professors. They then swear to dedicate themselves to the subject of medical science and to serve their patient, displaying integrity and a high sense of responsibility during their studies.

■ **1st Medical Student Orientation**

Organizer(s): School of Medicine

Coordinator(s): Prof. E. Johnson

Venue: Cultural Center

Date: 18 September 2018

The School of Medicine invited first-year school of medicine students to attend the 2018 Orientation Program which took place on 18, 19 and 20 of September. The program's aim was to welcome students and to set the tone for their academic year and highlight expectations, as well as give them the opportunity to meet their fellow classmates.

Medical Student Orientation culminates with the "White Coat Ceremony", where Medical Students will receive their first white coat and take their first step towards the responsibility of becoming a physician.

■ **6th International Multithematic Scientific Bio-Medical Congress**

Organizer(s): School of Medicine

Coordinator(s): Prof. I. Patrikios

Venue: Cultural Center

Date: 15-17 November 2018

OPENING CEREMONY - INAUGURATION

- Doctor Honoris Causa, Prof. Dr. Aaron Ciechanover, Nobel in Chemistry, 2004

Thursday, 15 November 2018, 19:00

Cultural Center, European University Cyprus

Keynote Speakers:

- Prof. Dr. Aaron Ciechanover, The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2004

For: "The discovery of ubiquitin-mediated protein degradation"

Distinguished Research Professor; Technion Integrated Cancer Center (TICC)

The Rappaport Faculty of Medicine and Research Institute;

Technion-Israel Institute of Technology

1. The Ubiquitin Proteolytic System: From Discovery and Basic Mechanisms Thru Human Diseases and on to Drug Targeting

2. "Personalized Medicine"

- Prof. Dr. Nickolas Papadopoulos, Professor of Oncology at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, USA

1. "Liquid Biopsy for the Early Detection of Cancer: Applications in Screening and Minimal Residual Disease"

2. "Earlier Detection of Cancers Using Non-Plasma Non-Invasive Tests"

- Prof. Dr. Maddalena Lettino, Clinical Director for strategic development, Cardiology Clinical Lead, project management group for diagnosis & treatment of chronic cardiovascular diseases at Humanitas Research Hospital, Milan, Italy, President of the ESC Acute Cardiac Care Association, Europe

1. "From the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) Guidelines to the Everyday Practice: How to Fill the Gap"

2. "What is New in the Updated Acute Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) Guidelines"

18 Credits of Continued Medical Education (CME) will be awarded International Recognition by Nature Publishers: cell Death & Disease Journal

Organized & Supervised by: Professor Dr Ioannis Patrikios

■ **1st Patient safety conference**

Organizer(s): Kratis training & consulting / School of Medicine

Date: 25-26 January 2019

Kratis training & consulting, in collaboration with the Cyprus Medical Association and the Cyprus Nursing Association, organized the first conference in Patient safety in Cyprus. The conference, with international participation, was supported scientifically by major stakeholders in patient safety in Cyprus, including faculty from the EUC School of Medicine.

■ **2nd European Day of Regional Anesthesia (ESRA E-Day)**

Organizer(s): European Society of Regional Anaesthesia & Pain Therapy (ESRA) / School of Medicine

Date: 26 January 2019

European Educational seminar organized by the European Society of Regional Anaesthesia & Pain Therapy (ESRA) under the auspices of the School of Medicine, EUC, in collaboration with the Cyprus Anesthesiology Society.

■ **Fertility seminar organized by the School of Medicine of the European University Cyprus**

Organizer(s): School of Medicine

Date: 4 February 2019

The Medical School and the Career Center of the European University in collaboration with Cryos International organized a seminar on "Why it is important to know aspects and issues of Fertility".

Corey Burke, Director of Tissue Bank and Saghar Kasiri, Director of European Operations at Cryos International, explained the factors that affect fertility such as hormonal imbalance, body weight, sexually transmitted diseases, thyroidism, anxiety, hypertension, heat exposure, delay in maternity decision either for career reasons or for other reasons. Both speakers stressed the importance of prevention and planning.

Today, evidence shows that one third of women by the age of 35 have difficulty conceiving. The percentage does not increase to 66% for people aged 35-40.

The seminar attended by students of the Medical School (Department of Medicine and Department of Dentistry) of the European University Cyprus.

■ **Special Olympics informational meeting**

Organizer(s): School of Medicine

Date: Wednesday 20 February 2019

The Special Olympics is probably the largest networks of volunteers in the world and the world's largest sports organization for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

The Special Olympics Committee of Cyprus serves hundreds of Cypriot athletes with intellectual disabilities and are participating in a Worldwide initiative named "Healthy Athletes".

This initiative includes training volunteers by professionals, setting up clinics during national and international games and physical examination of athletes.

The School of Medicine, EUC organized an informative meeting and presentation by the Special Olympics Committee Cyprus, during which actions and upcoming voluntary activities were presented and students had the opportunity to enroll.

■ **4th Train-the-Trainers Seminar & Clinical Instructors Award Ceremony**

Organizer(s): School of Medicine

Coordinator(s): Prof. E. Johnson

Venue: School's premises

Date: Thursday, 21 February 2019, 15:00 - 17:30

In acknowledgement of the importance of Clinical teaching, the "Clinical teaching program - Train the trainers" seminar is designed for all EUC Clinical instructors who teach EYC medical students in the clinical environment. This seminar introduced clinical educators to the basic concepts of clinical and bedside education. Lectures focused on the principles, guidelines and alternatives, that clinical teaching faculty can use to improve their teaching effectiveness. The seminar provided high-yield, relevant and interactive sessions, providing practical tips for bedside teaching.

■ **CAMeSM Cyprus Annual Medical Students Meeting**

Organizer(s): School of Medicine

Coordinator(s): Medical Students

Venue: Cultural Center

Date: 4-5 April 2019

The School of Medicine of the European University Cyprus organized for fourth consecutive year the Annual Meeting of Students of Medicine. The CAMeSM now serves as a forerunner of the following annual meetings with high-standards, evidence-based knowledge and interaction between students and medical professionals.

The purpose of this conference, the only conference in Cyprus that is organized by medical students and addressed to medical students, is to expose them to a professional environment where they are able to gain experience on presenting different topics of the medical field along with exchanging knowledge among them.

At the conference, the students of Medicine presented, analyzed and discussed issues of scientific content and interest, concerns, as well as informative issues. In addition, the conference included workshops on practical topics and a poster session where research projects of medical students were presented.

■ **European Training Programme in Infection Prevention and Control- 2nd European Seminar on Infection Prevention and Control**

Organizer(s): School of Medicine

Coordinator(s): Dr. C.Tsioutis

Venue: School's premises

Date: 10-11 June 2019

The School of Medicine, EUC, organized the 2nd European postgraduate seminar in Infection prevention and control, entitled "Infection Prevention and Control: Surveillance and Metacompetence", on 10-11 June 2019.

This CME-accredited seminar, was part of the European Training Programme in Infection Prevention and Control, organized by the European Committee on Infection Control (EUCIC), of the European Society for Clinical Microbiology and Infection Control (ESCMID). Faculty of the seminar comprised of local scientists and experts in the field.

More than 20 healthcare professionals of different backgrounds from all around the world participated, as well as students of the EUC MSc program "Infectious diseases: prevention and control".

The seminar concluded successfully, as it achieved very positive feedback and exhibited the local potential for education and research in the field of infectious diseases. Potential collaborations were discussed with various centers abroad and future educational activities were planned.

■ EUC Surgery club suturing workshop

Organizer(s): School of Medicine

Coordinator(s): Dr. Dimitrios Ntourakis

Venue: School's premises

Date: 7-14 December 2018

The EUC Surgery club organized on 7-14 December 2018 six hands-on suturing workshops for medical students. In total 160 EUC medical students from years 1 to 5, were trained in surgical suturing techniques. The workshop followed a structured approach offering multimedia educational content (video demonstrations, electronic book) with one-hour sessions of hands-on training per workshop. The training was undertaken by EUC School of Medicine student peer teachers that had previously passed a skill assessment and a train the trainers session.

The results of the workshop have been presented by our students in the form of oral communications at the 45th Annual Panhellenic Medical Conference and the 25th Scientific Congress of Hellenic Medical Students and the 13th International Forum for Medical Students and Junior Doctors.

8.4.2.2. Dentistry Department

■ Dental Student Orientation

Organizer(s): School of Medicine

Coordinator(s): Prof. E. Johnson / Prof. A. Athanasiou

Venue: Cultural Center

Date: 19 September 2018

The School of Medicine invited first-year school of medicine students to attend the 2018 Orientation Program which took place on 19 and 20 September. Dental Students' Orientation is foundational to students success as dental students at European University Cyprus and provides them with information vital to their matriculation.

Dental Student Orientation culminates with the "White Coat Ceremony", where Medical Students will receive their first white coat and take their first step towards the responsibility of becoming a dentist.

■ First Orientation Program for Parents of New Students

Organizer(s): School of Medicine

Coordinator(s): Prof. E. Johnson / Prof. A. Athanasiou

Venue: Cultural Center

Date: 20 September 2018

A dedicated orientation program for the parents of new dental and medical students took place in order to introduce parents to the curriculum, teaching methods and expectations, but more importantly information to help their children be successful in their studies.

■ White Coat Ceremony

Organizer(s): School of Medicine

Coordinator(s): Prof. E. Johnson / Prof. A. Athanasiou

Venue: Cultural Center

Date: 20 September 2018

The White Coat Ceremony is a rite of passage for each entering class. This annual tradition marked the entrance of the matriculating class of students into the medical and dental professions and was shared with family, friends and colleagues. Students received their White Coat and recited an oath, pledging dedication to the ethics and standards of learning medicine.

■ **“Bonding to Dental Tissues” and “Ceramics and Bonding**

Organizer(s): Dept. of Dentistry

Coordinator(s): Prof. A. Athanasiou

Venue: school's premises

Date: 9 March 2019

Professor George Eliades, Chairman, Department of Biomaterials, Faculty of Dentistry, School of Health Sciences, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens presented to the BDS program second year students one- day course on “Bonding to Dental Tissues” and “Ceramics and Bonding”.

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Coordinator(s): Medical Students

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■ **Craniofacial Malformations**

Organizer(s): The Cyprus Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery / School of Medicine

Coordinator(s): Dr. George Pantelas

Venue: Cultural Center

Date: 19 June 2019

The Cyprus Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, in collaboration with the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Clinic of Nicosia General Hospital organized in the EUC the Scientific Event “Craniofacial Malformations”.

The speakers and topics were:

- Dr. Elpida - Niki Emmanouil - Nikoloussi, Professor of Histology and Embryology, EUC - “Human Teratogens and Craniofacial Birth Defects”

- Dr. Philippe Pellerin, Professor of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Brules du CHRU de Lille Centers, Coordinator of the French National Reference Center of Rare Craniofacial Anomalies - “Craniofacial Surgery – Past, Present and Future”.

The event was supported by the Cyprus Ministry of Health and European University Cyprus.



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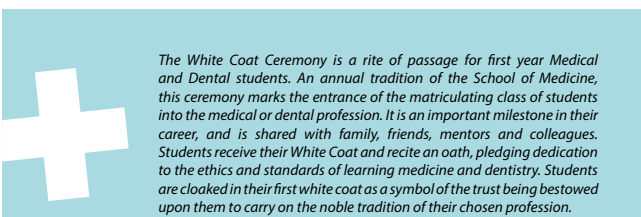
Cyprus Annual Medical Students Meeting

Hosted by the Medical Students of the School of Medicine of European University Cyprus



White Coat Ceremony

Class of 2025, Department of Medicine
Class of 2024, Department of Dentistry



8.5. School of Law

8.5.1. Message from the Dean of the School of Law, Dr. Konstantinos Tsimaras

Our School is constantly evolving, become a Center of excellence in specific areas, enhancing the employability aspect of our graduates and further internationalizing our programs. We will be working hard to increase our research output in terms of high-quality journal publication and citations, books and monographies. We will be investing in the new realities and opportunities the energy law related to the recent discovery of hydrocarbons has created. New, interesting, current programs, will be created that will influence the generation that will be ready to manage the changes in law, politics and economy of the country.

We already have strong relationships with the local and parts of the international law community; this is evident through our Advisory Boards of our programs. We will try to enhance this further; we are interested in building long-lasting relationships with the local and international law society. We want to listen to the law practitioners and streamline our programs towards becoming compatible with their needs. We want to develop socially responsible leaders in the area of law with the capability to solve problems, manage organizations and be innovative!



8.5.2. Nominations

Mr. Laurent Fabius

Award of the title of Honorary doctor to Mr. Laurent Fabius, former prime Minister of the French Republic, and President of the French Constitutional Council.

A symbolic personality of French political life and Europe's legal world was honored by European University Cyprus. The President of the French Constitutional Council, Laurent Fabius, was named Honorary Doctor of the University School of Law. The Awarding Ceremony took place on 19 April 2019, at 11:00 at the European University Cyprus Cultural Center. Representatives of the executive, legislative and judiciary, as well as representatives of the diplomatic world were present.

Mr. Fabius is a very important personality of French public life. He has served as Prime Minister, twice as President of the House of Parliament, as well as Minister of Foreign Affairs.

The Rector of European University Cyprus, Professor Kostas Gouliamos, granted the title of Honorary Doctor to Mr. Fabius, while the Dean, Dr. Konstantinos Tsimaras read out the resolution of the School of Law. The President of the Constitutional Council and former Prime Minister of France, Mr Fabius, addressed a speech on "Protecting the Environment: Our Responsibilities to the Present and Future Generations".

8.5.3. Events

■ Seminar: Judicial case studies of Greek Labour Law

Organization: School of Law

Coordinator(s): Dr. Stamatina Yannakourou

Speaker(s): Dimitris Vervesos, President of the Athens Bar Association

Venue: AUD

Date: 23 November 2018

The renowned speaker addressed students on current issues of labour law, focusing on drastic changes in the field of labour relations due to the financial crisis and the consecutive financial adjustment programmes. He proceeded with a detailed analysis of a model of labour lawsuit, highlighting critical issues of substantive and procedural law, as well as practical issues to be considered by the practicing lawyer. The seminar was based on an interactive and dynamic communication with students followed by a vivid debate, which was much appreciated by the attendees.

■ Law conference and presentation of History of Law book of C. Stamelos: "The Law of the Ancient Cypriot Kingdoms and the Tablet of Idalion"

Organization: European University Cyprus Law School

Coordinator(s): Konstantinos Tsimaras, Charalampos Stamelos

Speaker(s): Konstantinos Tsimaras, Charalampos Stamelos, Nikitas Chatzimichael

Venue: European University Cyprus

Date: 27 November 2018

Associate Professor Konstantinos Tsimaras, Dean of EUC Law School, and Scientific Collaborator Charalampos Stamelos coordinated and spoke in a law conference titled 'The Law of the Ancient Cypriot Kingdoms and the Tablet of Idalion'. The event was held in the framework of the presentation by Associate Professor of the Department of Law of the University of Cyprus, Nikitas Chatzimichael, of the new book of Charalampos Stamelos titled 'History of Law of Greece and Cyprus' by Athens Nomiki Bibliothiki Publications (date of publication: 2018). Rector Professor Kostas Gouliamos addressed the Conference. Working language: Greek.

■ **Conference: Maritime Law and Shipping Law**

Organization: European University Cyprus Law School

Coordinator(s): Dr. Konstantinos Tsimaras, Associate Profesor, Acting Dean, School of Law

Speaker(s): Dr. Georgios Pamborides, Ex minister

Venue: European University Cyprus, room 114

Date: 29 November 2018, 11.30-13.00

Dr. Pamborides addressed contemporary issues related to the Cypriot Exclusive Economic Zone and its legal and geopolitical parameters in the sensitive geographical context of the East Mediterranean region.

■ **Law conference and presentation of US Competition Law Book of C. Stamelos "Public and private enforcement of competition law in Cyprus, Greece, EU, and the USA"**

Organization: European University Cyprus Law School

Coordinator(s): Konstantinos Tsimaras, Charalampos Stamelos

Speaker(s): Konstantinos Tsimaras, Charalampos Stamelos, Christiana Markou

Venue: European University Cyprus

Date: 4 December 2018

Associate Professor Konstantinos Tsimaras, Dean of EUC Law School, and Scientific Collaborator Charalampos Stamelos coordinated and spoke in a law conference titled 'Public and private enforcement of competition law in Cyprus, Greece, EU, and the USA'. The event was held in the framework of the presentation by Assistant Professor of the Law School of the European University Cyprus Christiana Markou of the new book of Charalampos Stamelos titled 'The Law of Free and Unfair Competition in the USA and in the Fifty States of the USA' by Athens Nomiki Bibliothiki Publications (date of publication: 2018). Rector Professor Kostas Gouliamos addressed the Conference. Working language: Greek.

■ **Public Lecture: EU Plastics Strategy and Legislation: Single Use Plastics and Sea Plastic Pollution**

Organization: School of Law, European University Cyprus (EUC) / Open University of Cyprus / The Office of Environmental Commissioner of the Republic of Cyprus

Coordinator(s): Thalia Prastitou Merdi, Constantinos Tsimaras

Speaker(s): Ms. Ioanna Panayiotou, Environmental Commissioner of the Republic of Cyprus

Dr. Antonis Zorpas, Lecturer, Faculty of Pure and Applied Sciences, Open University of Cyprus

Venue: Room 112, EUC

Date: 13 December 2018

Ms. Panayiotou and Mr. Zorpas gave an interesting lecture about one of the most important current topics of European environmental law, the EU Plastics Strategy. More specifically, the two speakers explained that, currently, the European Commission had tabled, in the context of the ordinary legislative procedure, an important legislative proposal to tackle marine litter. In fact, by introducing new measures on single use plastics as well as on abandoned or lost fishing gear, the Commission aimed to contribute to EU's transition towards a Circular Economy. Furthermore, the speakers explained how we can all avoid generating waste, how to reduce the use of resources, and which wastes to recycle.

■ **Law Conference and publication as a Chapter in the Book on History of Law: New Studies in History and Law**

Organization: Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER)

Coordinator(s): David Frenkel (Israel) and Norbert Varga (Hungary)

Speaker(s): Charalampos Stamelos

Venue: Athens Titania Hotel Conference Room

Date: 3 January 2019

During the 6th Annual International Conference on Humanities & Arts in a Global World of ATINER I the topic 'Ancient Cypriot Kingdoms: Political and Legal Aspects of their Regimes (1.200 to 30 B.C.)' was presented.

The relevant paper on this topic was selected and published in the Book on History of Law of ATINER under the title "New Studies in History and Law" (<http://www.atiner.gr/docs/2019LAW-CONT.htm>).

■ **Law Conference: Developments of Law**

Organization: European University Cyprus Law School

Coordinator(s): Konstantinos Tsimaras, Christos Satlanis

Speaker(s): Konstantinos Tsimaras, Christos Satlanis, Nikolaos Koulouris, Evripides Stylianides, Venetia Argyropoulou, Margarita Papantoniou, Charalampos Stamelos, Athina Kontogianni, Pantelitsa Sfiniadaki, Giorgos Chloupis

Venue: European University Cyprus, Cultural Center

Date: 26 February 2019

Faculty members and teaching associates of the EUC School of Law, presented to the students a series of legal topics related to the scientific domain of each presenter as follows:

1. Charalambos Stamelos, Scientific Collaborator, School of Law, EUC: The special legal status of public and private law of the Holy Sepulcher and the Patriarchate of Jerusalem, related legislation, jurisprudence and historical data.
2. Pantelitsa Sfiniadakis, Scientific Collaborator, School of Law, EUC: The regulatory competence of the Administration in the Greek and Cypriot legal order.
3. Venetia Argyropoulou, Special Teaching Personnel, School of Law, EUC: Digital Tax, Google that.
4. George Chloupis, Scientific Collaborator, School of Law, EUC: Local Society and Crime Prevention and especially Juvenile Delinquency. The role of Local Councils for the Prevention of Violence.
5. Evripidis Stylianidis, Assistant Professor: The Basic Tools of Greek Foreign Policy - Forms of Alternative Diplomacy.
6. Konstantinos Tsimaras, Associate Professor, School of Law, EUC: The ratification of international treaties under the Constitution.
7. Christiana Markou, Lecturer, School of Law, EUC: The alternative solution of consumer disputes as a way of avoiding fines in the event of a violation of consumer law by businesses.
8. Athina Kontogiannis, Scientific Collaborator, School of Law, EUC: Consumer Ombudsman as an Independent Authority and Out-of-Court Settlement Body (ADR): A Successful Model for Mediation in Consumer Disputes.
9. Margarita Papantoniou, Special Teaching Personnel, School of Law, EUC: Murder / Homicide: The problem of mens rea in Cypriot Criminal Law.
10. Nikolaos Koulouris, Assistant Professor, School of Law, EUC: EEZs in the Eastern Mediterranean: The Legal Complications in Hunting Gold.
11. Christos Satlanis, Professor School of Law, EUC: The contra legem interpretation of the rule of law.

Discussion with Questions and Comments

■ **Conference: Drug prevention in the modern era**

Organization: Law School

Coordinator(s): Dr. K. Tsimaras , Assoc. professor

Speaker(s): Prof. L. Kotsalis, S.Tsardakas , commissioner Greek police, S. Stergiades, commissioner cyriot police, Tina Pavlou psychologist.

Venue: r.112

Date: 27 February 2019

Conference concerning the contemporary drug prevention in Greece and Cyprus, but also in Europe and USA. The role of rehabilitation centers for drug addicts.

■ **Colloquium: Consumers law, a comparative approach: Cyprus, USA, Japan**

Organization: Law School

Coordinator(s): Dr. K. Tsimaras, Assoc. Professor

Speaker(s): Prof. A. Karaiskos Kyoto University Japan, Prof. K. Tsimaras EUC, Dr Ch. Markou Lecturer EUC, Dr. Ch. Stamelos scientific collaborator EUC

Venue: AUB D

Date: 27 February 2019

Competition law and consumers' protection, a comparative approach in USA, Japan and Cyprus.

■ **Seminar: Survival guide for new lawyers in Cyprus**

Organization: School of Law, European University Cyprus (EUC)

Coordinator(s): Konstantinos Tsimaras, Thalia Prastitou Merdi

Speaker(s): Stelios Avgousti, Lawyer, Cyprus Bar Association, Athens Bar Association

Venue: Room 114, EUC

Date: 6 March 2019

Stelios Avgousti, the President of the Association for New and Trainee Lawyers in Cyprus, gave a very interesting talk to our law students regarding the transition from university to legal practice, as well as the rights and responsibilities of trainee lawyers in Cyprus. Mr Avgousti explained the importance of the one-year training that is carried out in Cyprus before becoming officially a lawyer. Later, he happily answered all the interesting questions that were asked by the students.

■ **Conference: Opening of shops on Sunday, recent jurisprudence in Greece**

Organization: Law School

Coordinator(s): K. Tsimaras, Assoc. prof

Speaker(s): S. Rizos, former president of the Greek administrative supreme court, legal consultant to the President of the Hellenic Republic

Venue: AUA

Date: 21 March 2019

The recent jurisprudence in Greece concerning the opening of shops and malls in Greece. The question of constitutionality and legal foundation of the recent decision of the Greek Council of State.

■ **Law Conference: The Law of Consumers' Protection in Cyprus, Japan and the USA**

Organization: European University Cyprus Law School

Coordinator(s): Konstantinos Tsimaras, Charalampos Stamelos

Speaker(s): Konstantinos Tsimaras, Charalampos Stamelos, Christiana Markou, Antonios Karaiskos

Venue: European University Cyprus, Cultural Center

Date: 28 March 2019

On 28 March 2019, the European University Cyprus Law School under the Supervision of the Acting Dean, Associate Professor Konstantinos Tsimaras, and the collaboration of Scientific Collaborator Charalampos Stamelos, after the conclusion of a Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperation between the EUC Law School and the Kyoto Law School of Japan and the establishment of the Center for European and Japanese Law Studies, invited the Kyoto University Associate Professor Antonios Karaiskos who presented the law of consumers' protection in Japan. Christiana Markou presented the consumers' protection law elements in Cyprus, and Charalampos Stamelos presented the consumers' protection law elements in the USA. Konstantinos Tsimaras made the introductory and concluding remarks. Rector Professor Kostas Gouliamos addressed the Conference and proposed the conclusion of a Memorandum of Cooperation between the European University Cyprus and the University of Kyoto. Working language: Greek.

■ **Conference: Maritime law and shipping in Cyprus**

Organization: Law School

Coordinator(s): K. Tsimaras, Assoc. Professor

Speaker(s): Mrs. Natasha Pileides, Shipping Deputy Minister

Venue: AUA

Date: 2 April 2019

Conference having as a main speaker Mrs. Natasha Pileides. Mrs. Pileides presented and analysed the Cypriot policy on maritime affairs in Cyprus, the role of the Ministry and the recent changes in maritime law.

■ **Conference: The Cypriot Exclusive Economic Zone: Legal and Geopolitical Parameters**

Organization: School of Law, European University Cyprus

Coordinator(s): Nikolaos Koulouris

Speaker(s): Professor Konstantinos Iliopoulos, Professor Nikolaos Farantouris, Professor George Boustras, Assistant Professor Evripides Stylianides

Venue: Amphitheatre B, European University Cyprus

Date: 12 May 2019

During the Conference, the speakers addressed topics related to the Cypriot Exclusive Economic Zone and its legal and geopolitical parameters in the sensitive geographical context of the East Mediterranean region. The Cypriot Minister of Defence, as well as the President of the Energy Committee of the Cypriot House of Representatives, participated and addressed the audience.



9. Student Affairs

9.1. Student Distinctions and Achievements

9.1.1. School of Business Administration

■ Erasmus+ training course in Slovakia

In January 2019, a student of Business Economics, Mr. Loizos, was selected to participate in an Erasmus+ training course in Slovakia about Non-Formal Education. In the beginning of February, he visited Austria as a coordinator of Erasmus Students Network (ESN). That equipped him with the necessary knowledge, which helped him to organise a visit in Latsia Lyceum with the Erasmus students' network (ESN) section in cooperation with YEU Cyprus. Moreover, in February he was selected by UNYSA Cyprus to participate at the Harvard Model United Nations conference in Boston. In March, he had the chance to participate at the EUC Peak entrepreneurship bootcamp. In the same month, he joined the Youth Business Network. In May, he joined the UNYSA Cyprus board as a secretary of the organisation. During the same period, was selected by the US State Department to participate in the Study of the US Institutes (SUSI) for student leaders from Europe program at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga for a 5-week academic program on Entrepreneurship and economic development. Finally, he participated in a 7-day educational Erasmus program in Malaga, Spain, on Entrepreneurship and employability.

■ CISI European Educational Trust Award

Ms. Gan Qian, a European University student was awarded with the CISI European Educational Trust Award following a competition which took place on 2 May 2018, at EUC. The competition topic was: What is MiFID II? Who gains and who loses from its introduction? Ms. Gan Qian was also selected by CISI UK and CISI Educational Trust Members to be the 2018 overall European winner, securing a one-week placement in London, fully paid. Part of the Cyprus Jury was Mr. Emilius Tannousis Member of the CISI National Council of Cyprus, Head Institutional Wealth Management at Bank of Cyprus, Dr. Simona Mihai-Yiannaki, Deputy Dean School of Business Administration at European University Cyprus and Dr. Alexios Kythreotis, Chair Department of Accounting, Economics and Finance, European University Cyprus. During the academic year, 2018-2019 Ms. Gan Qian attended the CFA Research Challenge competition together with other two students from the Business School.

■ Internships

- A few students of the Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics have been selected through a pan-cyprian competition of the ACCA (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) as paid interns.
- During the past academic year, we have had a record placement of our students as interns in audit firms, banks and regulatory institutions. Internships include placements at PWC, Central Bank of Cyprus, EY, Baker Tilly, Housing Finance Corporation, MTN and many other companies.

9.1.2. School of Sciences

■ Participation of students of the Biological Sciences (BSc) program in the 2018 Researcher's Night

Students of the Biological Sciences (BSc) program participated in the 2018 (27-28 September) Researcher's Night, and welcomed children, pupils and parents at our booth. The audience showed special interest in the topic 'Good' and 'bad' fats - How good our olive oil is, while Channel 6 held a short interview on the Researcher's Night. The goal of the activity was to inform the public what fats we should prefer and what to avoid through a combination of saturated and unsaturated fatty acids.

Coordinator of students' participation: Dr. Antonia Sophocleous, Lecturer, Biochemistry, European University Cyprus

■ 1st Prize and 3rd Prize in the Annual competition for good practices in the sector of Safety and Health of Cyprus Businesses (October 2018)

In the Annual competition for good practices in the sector of Safety and Health of Cyprus Businesses - organized by the Department of Labor Inspection of the Ministry of Labor and Social Insurance - two of the three first prizes were won by organizations in which our students work as Safety and Health Officers.

- Maria Orphanidou (Tsim. Vasilikos, 1st Prize) and
- Kostas Hadjistefanou (Papaellinas Group, 3rd Prize)

It is worth noting that Kostas Hadjistefanou is a candidate for the Doctoral Program in Occupational Safety and Health. Our graduates received the awards, on behalf of their organizations, at the start of the Health and Safety Week, which was held at Hilton Park.

Coordinator of students' participation: Prof. George Boustras, Coordinator of the MSc and Phd programs of Occupational Safety and Health, European University Cyprus

■ **Three scientific papers from students of the program “Radiodiagnostics-Radiotherapy” of European University Cyprus have been accepted to be presented at the 2nd Multidisciplinary Oncology Conference “Diagnosis & Therapy” (9-10 November 2018)**

The conference was organized by the Cyprus Association of Medical Physics and Bio-Engineering (CAMPBE) under the auspices of Hellenic Association of Medical Physicists (HAMP) on 9-10 November 2018 at Aliathon Holiday Village in Paphos. The conference unifies the fields of Diagnosis and Therapy in Oncology and constitutes an ideal forum for the dissemination of clinical experience, the optimization of practices, the debate on cutting edge technological issues and also for presenting relevant research activities. Further information can be found on the conference website: <https://diagnosisandtherapy.com/>

Coordinator of students' participation: Dr. Irene Polycarpou, Assistant Professor, Coordinator of the Radiology-Radiotherapy (BSc) program, European University Cyprus

■ **Journal Reviews in the neurosciences (impact factor 2.59). (November 2018)**

A graduate student of the Biological Sciences (BSc) program, Ms. Vasiliki Georgiou, was distinguished for her excellent publication titled “The role of fibroblast growth factors and their receptors in gliomas: the mutations involved” in the Journal Reviews in the neurosciences (impact factor 2.59). This work came from the diploma thesis of the student.

Coordinator of students' participation: Dr. Vasiliki Gkretsi, Assistant Professor, Coordinator of the Biomedical Sciences program, European University Cyprus.

■ **The Ph.D. students of the Physiotherapy program participated in the World Physiotherapy Conference with oral announcements that were accepted among 2500 (January 2019)**

The Ph.D. students of the Physiotherapy program participated in the World Physiotherapy Conference with the following oral announcements:

1. EFFECTIVENESS OF SCAPULO-FOCUSED KINESIOTHERAPY TREATMENT IN PATIENTS WITH SHOULDER IMPINGEMENT SYNDROME AND ROTATOR CUFF TENDINOPATHY: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW - Areti Cheimonidou (Clinical Trainer of Physiotherapy) and Dr. Demetris Stasinopoulos
2. A Systematic review exploring the level of evidence for exercise parameters in adults with Patellofemoral Pain - Antonis Constantinou (Clinical Trainer of Physiotherapy) and Dr. Demetris Stasinopoulos
3. UPPER LIMB EXERCISE TRAINING IN CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE PATIENTS: CAN IMPROVE ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIFE? A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW - Karayiannis C., Savva C., Mamais I., Ploutarchou G., Adamide T., Georgiou A., Xanthos T.
4. THE EFFECTIVENESS OF RADIAL SHOCKWAVE ON UPPER TRAPEZIUS MTRP - A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW - Rentzias Panayiotis (Clinical Trainer of Physiotherapy), Dr. Demetris Stasinopoulos

Coordinator of students' participation: Dr. Demetris Stasinopoulos, Vice Chairperson, Associate Professor, Physiotherapy, European University Cyprus, Coordinator of MSc in Sports Physiotherapy, Coordinator of PhD in Physiotherapy Program

9.2. Student events / Student life / Career

9.2.1. School of Business

■ Title of the workshop: EUC-PEAK Boot-Camp Training

Organizer(s): Dr. Simona Mihai

Coordinator(s): Faculty of Business Administration School

Speaker(s): EUC Rector Costas Gouliamos, Professor George Boustras, Dr Simona Mihai, Dr. Dimitrios Kontarinis, Dr. Pieris Chourides, Dr, Despina Marouchou, Dr. Elmos Konis, Ms. Grace Ng, Dr. George Christou, Mr. Natasa Christou

Venue: Microsoft Innovation Center

Date: 11-16 June 2018 & 14-16 March 2019

The EUC-PEAK Boot-Camp Training and event took place at the EUC during June 2018 and March 2019. The events were coordinated by Dr. Simona Mihai-Yiannaki of the Department of Accounting, Economics and Finance, Director EUC-PEAK Innovation Center. The boot-camp's young participants benefited from a state-of-the-art training in entrepreneurship by successful entrepreneurs and faculty of the School of Business Administration. The 2018 event concluded on 16 June, with a pitching competition at the Microsoft Innovation Center, with awarded prizes worth €2000. Over the course of the 5-day event, there were over 200 students participating with events broadcasted live on media platforms with over 3300 views.

The 2019 EUC-PEAK bootcamp lasted for three days, but with Guest speakers from abroad, such as Grace Ng co-founder of Javeling.com and Lean Machine Learning and other entrepreneurs and speakers from Cyprus and Greece. Other members of the Business School supported the event also and local entrepreneurs, three prizes were offered amounting over €2000. During the 2nd day of the bootcamp, EUC-PEAK hosted the StartupEurope Week Nicosia of the European Commission, where incubators and business accelerators from the Cyprus ecosystem presented their experience under the moderator of HJS Insurance, the founder and EUC alumni Mr. Andreas Hadjisofocleous.

■ Title of the workshop: Get Ready for the Job Market

Organizer(s): Dr. Alexis Kythreotis, Mr. Kyriacos Christofi

Speaker(s): Mrs. Eleni Markantoni, Dr. Amber Wigmore Alvarez

Venue: Auditorium Delta

Date: 9 April 2019

The department of Accounting, Economics and Finance with the collaboration of the Department of Students Affairs and the Business Society organized the particular event in order to provide guidance and assistance to EUC students about issues emerging after the graduation. Specifically, issues related to preparation of CVs and in general issues relating to tools that facilitate the potential graduates to find a job, were presented.

■ Title of the workshop: ACCA Accelerator Scheme

Organizer(s): Dr. Alexis Kythreotis

Speaker(s): Dr. Alexis Kythreotis & employees of ACCA professional qualification

Venue: Room 118

Date: 12 April 2019

The EUC, as partners in learning with the ACCA, (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) participated in the Accelerator Scheme, offered by the ACCA. This allows EUC students to become ACCA student members by registering through this Accelerator scheme early on in their studies. This includes a discount on exempted courses, lower initial registration fee and free student subscription, enabling students to access the ACCA website and all ACCA resources and to use the letters Student ACCA member after their names.

9.2.2. School of Law

■ Educational excursion: History of Law educational excursion

Organization: European University Cyprus Law School

Coordinator(s): Charalampos Stamelos

Venue: Ancient Idalion Archaeological Museum, Nicosia, Cyprus

Date: 23 October 2018

Scientific Collaborator Charalampos Stamelos supervised an educational excursion to Ancient Idalion Archaeological Museum in Nicosia of Cyprus. 50 law students attended the course 'History of Law' and visited with the aforementioned supervisor the Museum of Ancient Idalion.

Charalampos Stamelos made a short presentation of the history of law of Idalion and the law students watched with him the educational video for the Tablet of Idalion, which includes the first written contract in the human history. The also admired the true copy of the original Tablet of Idalion, which is placed in Paris, in the National Library.

■ **Moot Court I (Two Significant Historic Moot Courts of the 20th Century): The Trials of Bishop of Paphos Leontios During the English Rule (1932, 1938, 1939)**

Organization: European University Cyprus Law School

Coordinator(s): Konstantinos Tsimaras, Charalampos Stamelos

Speaker(s): Konstantinos Tsimaras, Charalampos Stamelos, Anna Panagiotou-Triantafyllopoulou, Christia Middleton, Nikitas Chatzimichael

Venue: European University Cyprus

Date: 11 December 2018

Associate Professor Konstantinos Tsimaras (Acting Dean of EUC Law School) and Scientific Collaborator Charalampos Stamelos organised a Moot Court as the first of two significant Historic Moot Courts of the 20th Century in the framework of the Course of History of Law which was taught by Mr. Stamelos. The speakers developed their own views on the relevant matters and in the final phase of the moot court the students, the speakers and the participants voted for the innocence of the accused retrospectively. Rector Professor Kostas Gouliamos addressed the Moot Court. Working language: Greek.

■ **Moot Court II (Two Significant Historic Moot Courts of the 20th Century): The Trial of Professor Kakrides (1942-1943)**

Organization: European University Cyprus Law School

Coordinator(s): Konstantinos Tsimaras, Charalampos Stamelos

Speaker(s): Konstantinos Tsimaras, Charalampos Stamelos, Anna Panagiotou-Triantafyllopoulou, Theano Mavromoustaki

Venue: European University Cyprus

Date: 12 December 2018

Associate Professor Konstantinos Tsimaras (Acting Dean of EUC Law School) and Scientific Collaborator Charalampos Stamelos organised a Moot Court as the first of two significant Historic Moot Courts of the 20th Century in the framework of the Course of History of Law which was taught by Mr. Stamelos. The speakers developed their own views on the relevant matters and in the final phase of the moot court the students, the speakers and the participants voted for the innocence of the accused retrospectively. Rector Professor Kostas Gouliamos addressed the Moot Court. Working language: Greek.

■ **Educational excursion: Introduction to the Science of Law educational excursion**

Organization: European University Cyprus Law School

Coordinator(s): Konstantinos Tsimaras, Charalampos Stamelos

Venue: Council of State (Administrative Supreme Court), Greece

Date: 1 February 2019

Associate Professor Konstantinos Tsimaras (Acting Dean of EUC Law School) and Scientific Collaborator Charalampos Stamelos supervised an educational excursion to Council of State (Administrative Supreme Court), in Athens, Greece. 25 law students attended the course 'Introduction to the Science of Law' and visited with the aforementioned supervisors the Council of State.

- (1) The law students and the supervisors attended the court hearings of significant cases before the Greek Council of State regarding issues of unconstitutionality of specific Greek laws (hearings in Greek).
- (2) On the same day, the Vice-President of the Council of State, two judges and the Librarian presented the main functions of the Court and its well-known library (presentation in Greek).

■ **Educational excursion: Introduction to the Science of Law educational excursion**

Organization: European University Cyprus Law School

Coordinator(s): Konstantinos Tsimaras, Charalampos Stamelos, Margarita Papantoniou

Venue: The International Court of Justice, the International Criminal Court, Academy of International Law, Senate, Council of State (Administrative Supreme Court), Hague

Date: 18-20 February 2019

Associate Professor Konstantinos Tsimaras (Acting Dean of EUC Law School) and Scientific Collaborator Charalampos Stamelos along with Instructor Margarita Papantoniou supervised an educational excursion to the Hague, in the Netherlands. 55 law students attended the course Introduction to the Science of Law visited with the aforementioned supervisors significant international and national courts in the Hague.

- (1) The law students and the supervisors attended the court hearings of the case India v Pakistan at the International Court of Justice and the court hearings of the case of war crimes in Uganda in the International Criminal Court (hearings in English).
- (2) On the second day, the Public Prosecutor of Greece in Eurojust presented at its headquarters the main legal proceedings of this significant European Union institution (presentation in Greek).
- (3) On the same day, there were two more visits: one in the Academy of International Law, where the Director explained the law programmes offered by this prestigious institution and the Librarian offered the opportunity of accessing the greatest international law library in the world (presentations in English), and one in the Senate (Upper House) of the Netherlands by attending the public hearings (hearings in Dutch).
- (4) On the last day of the visit, the law students and the supervisors attended a court hearing in the Council of State of the Netherlands (hearing in Dutch).

Working languages: English, Greek, and Dutch.

■ **Moot Court – Cypriot Contract law II**

Organization: EUC law school

Coordinator(s): Philippe Jougoux

Venue: Moot Court classroom

Date: 02 April 2019

The students organized a debate with two teams of lawyers and a judge on a case related to Cypriot Contract law II. The two teams presented their arguments to the judge and a judgement was given.

■ **Educational Visit: Visit at the Assize Court of Nicosia**

Organization: School of Law, European University Cyprus (EUC)

Coordinator(s): Thalia Prastitou Merdi

Speaker(s): Judge Charis Pogiatzis, President of the Assize Court of Nicosia

Venue: Assize Court of Nicosia, Cyprus

Date: 8 April 2019 and 15 April 2019

In the context of the unit LLB130 "Lawyers Legislation and Code of Conduct" law students visited in April 2019, in two groups, the Assize Court of Nicosia. Initially the President of the Assize Court of Nicosia, Judge Charis Pogiatzis, welcomed the students in his chamber and gave them a short presentation about the workings of the court and the case they were about to hear. The judge happily answered all the interesting questions that were later asked by the students. After this presentation, the students had the chance to hear in court one of the most important criminal law cases that were examined in Cyprus this year. While being in court, the students took notes regarding the lawyers' conduct, before the court, that were later used in order to complete their assessed essay for this unit.

■ **Seminar: Guest lecture on Child protection on Internet**

Organization: EUC law school

Coordinator(s): Philippe Jougoux

Speaker(s): Linda Faouzi

Venue: EUC

Date: 11 April 2019

The Phd student presented to the students of Internet law and to the public her last research in the field of child pornography.

■ **Seminar: Guest lecture on hate speech in the digital era**

Organization: EUC law school

Coordinator(s): Philippe Jougoux

Speaker(s): Stella Malla

Venue: EUC

Date: 18 April 2019

The Phd student presented to the students of Internet Law and to the public her last research in the field of hate speech and freedom of expression on internet.

■ **Educational excursion: Visit to the Directorate of Forensic Investigations of the Greek Police**

Organization: EUC Law School, Class of Criminology

Coordinator(s): George Chloupis

Venue: Athens

Date: Friday 3 May 2019

The Department of the Law School of the European University Cyprus and especially the students who attended the course of Criminology (LAW 323) and Special Penal Laws (LAW 357), visited, on Friday, 3 May 2019, the facilities of the Directorate of Forensic Investigations (ΔΕΕ) of the Greek Police. The educational visit lasted many hours and was of high interest. The Director, General Miniati Peneloph (Ph.D) talked to us and we visited every laboratory (weapons, ballistics, photography, forgery chemical laboratory, graphology, DNA, fingerprinting, etc.), where the students were informed by the managers of each department, so as to be enlightened on various subjects.

■ **Seminar: Guest lecture on Crowdfunding and new contract tools in the digital era**

Organization: EUC law school

Coordinator(s): Philippe Jogleux

Speaker(s): Elena-Niki Karletiki

Venue: EUC

Date: 14 May 2019

The Phd student presented to the students of Contract law II and to the public her latest research in the field of crowdfunding legal framework.

■ **Student Competition: 25th Economia Student Competition**

Organization: Economia Publishing House

Coordinator(s): Venetia Argyropoulou, Special Teaching Personnel, School of Law, EUC

Speaker(s): Maria-Magdalini Kotsovolou and Androniki Papoutsoglou

Venue: European Parliament Office in Athens

Date: 05 June 2019

In a brilliant ceremony that took place in the great hall of the European Parliament Office in Athens, the 25th Student Economia Awards were awarded. The theme of this year's competition was "European Union: the Next Steps for Growth, Employment and Education". The First Prize for Teamwork was won by Maria-Magdalini Kotsovolou and Androniki Papoutsoglou, students of the Law School of the European University Cyprus.

The work of the two students was legally oriented and distinguished among many others by the students of the Greek, English and Cypriot Universities. The students were honored by the European Commission Representation in Greece with a trip to Brussels where they will be guided by EU Commission members, and have been awarded scholarships for postgraduate studies.

The evaluation committee was attended by Professor of European Politics and Economics, Department of International and European Economic Studies of the Athens University of Economics, George Pagoulatos, General Director of SEV, Akis Skertsos, Upstream President, Markos Veremis, Senior Executive Director of Piraeus Bank, Vasileios Koutentakis and General Manager of the economia group, Antonis Papayannidis.

The student's work was submitted as part of the Course «Ελευθερή Μελέτη» and the students thanked their Professor, Dr. Venetia Argyropoulou, during their award.



9.2.3. Office of Student Affairs

■ Orientation Program 2018

The European University Cyprus Orientation Program was organized on 12 - 26 September 2018. It was designed to welcome new students to the University community and to facilitate the process of settling into a new and unfamiliar environment. Faculty and staff were on-site to show students around campus, advise them on University policies and regulations, and discuss the selection of courses.

The program included a general briefing covering academic procedures and Student Services, campus tours, workshops on financial management, how to challenge your team, empowering your soft skills and steps for health and wellness. Finally, the Orientation Program concluded with a celebratory note, with music, Survivor and other games with prizes for the winners, gift bags and free lunch and drinks for everyone.

■ EUC MSS Welcome Back Party 28 September 2018

EUC Medical Students' Society organized an off campus Welcoming Party for all students of the Medicine and Dentistry School and celebrated the beginning of the New Academic year.

■ Welcome Halloween Party

On 11 October 2018, a Welcome Halloween Party was organized to welcome freshmen and old students back to classes. Students had an unforgettable night full of entertainment. A lavish program was offered, which included live music by the famous Greek singer Anastasios Rammos and mainstream vibes from DeeJay Nicos Varvaresos. Everyone was offered free pizza and beer and all students had the chance to participate in raffle draws and win prizes! Finally, yet importantly, students of the Aesthetics' Program offered free Halloween face painting and many students surprised the audience with their beautiful, fancy and impressive costumes.

■ Robotics' Club participates in the Competition Robotex International

The EUC Robotics' Club participated at the end of November 2018 in the Competition Robotex International in Estonia. Although, our team did not win the Competition, it was a unique opportunity to gain great experiences from such a big International Event for the students taking part of competition, and they were also able to network with other teams.

■ Social Event of Music Education Club

In November 2018, the Music Education Club organized a social get-together dinner with current and previous members of the Club in order to strengthen ties of students and alumni, as well as to express appreciation to all the active members of the Club and to plan future activities.

■ Music Education Club Workshop

In November 2018, the Music Education Club has organized for its members a two hours' workshop with the renowned Greek Saxophonist and jazz educator Mr. Vassilis Xenopoulos.

■ EUC Psychology Club Educational Movie Nights

The EUC Psychology Club organized three Educational Movie Nights where after the movie projection a discussion and analysis of the movie followed among the audience, the Club's Student Committee and a Psychology Instructor. The dates of the Movie Nights were 14 November, 28 November και 12 December 2018.

■ EUC MSS Movie Night

On 4 December 2018, EUC MSS organized a Movie Night for its members.

■ **European University Cyprus “Air your Views” Event**

The Office of Student Affairs organized the Event “Air your Views” on Wednesday 5 December 2018 in the Auditorium Beta. The event was a call to all EUC students for an open discussion, which aimed to offer the floor to student recommendations, new ideas, feedback and thoughts about Student Life and Student Services at EUC.

■ **Suturing workshop**

The EUC Surgery Club has organized on 7 and 10 December 2018 a basic suturing workshop for its members.

■ **Law Society Movie Night and Discussion**

On 7 December, the Law Society organized a Movie Night. At the end of the movie projection, a discussion about the legal issues of the movie followed and at the end all the members of the Club enjoyed their time while eating pizza.

■ **Santa Hoops Basketball Tournament**

The EUC Basketball Club organized on 8 December 2018 the Annual Basketball Club tournament 3X3 called “Santa Hoops” for all interested EUC students, fans and lovers of Basketball. At the end of the tournament, the first three winners received trophies and medals and then they all celebrated the event with pizzas and drinks.

■ **ASA Football Tournament**

The African Student Association organized in December 2018 a 5 -Aside Football Tournament for all students. Trophies and medals were given to the first three winners of the tournament and refreshments were offered to everyone.

■ **Cypriot Brunch**

The Office of Student Affairs organized for all new International Students a Cypriot Brunch on Saturday, 8 December 2018. In the event, fellow students wearing traditional Cypriot costumes, sprinkled every invitee’s hands with rose water and thus offered a traditional welcomed to the new International students. Students had the opportunity to meet and mingle with other students, academic, administrative, and managerial staff and enjoy together a rich traditional Cypriot Brunch. The participants also experienced the making of traditional Halloumi and Anari cheeses and upon completion of the process, they were able to taste the hot cheeses along with Cypriot Coffee. A Presentation of traditional Cypriot dances took place, and many students attempted their first Greek dance tutorial. At the end of the Dance show, all international students were invited on the stage and danced for their first time together with the Professionals traditional dances. Finally, the event also included a variety of movie projections along with informative videos for the Cultural Heritage of Cyprus, customs, towns etc. A big surprise for all students, was the traditional gifts given to everyone before leaving, which was a traditional Cypriot delight: pastelaki and a traditional souvenir (Cypriot Pot) from the Cyprus Handicraft Association.

■ **Christmas Celebration 13 December 2018**

A Christmas Celebration was organized by the Office of Student Affairs to celebrate the Christmas season with all students. The program included Music and a Dance Program from the EUC Student Clubs, funny Christmas games with various prizes, a Christmas Wishes Tree, as well as sales of lottery tickets to fundraise money for a student in need. Additionally, a Christmas Market took place to give the chance to students and staff to purchase gifts for themselves and loved ones. At the end of the event, everyone was offered free mulled wine and holiday bites.

■ **EUC MSS Annual Christmas Party**

The EUC Medical Students Society (EUC MSS) organized on 14 December, the last party of the year, the Annual Christmas Party. The party was a glamorous night, with great music, drinks and food and it took place at a well know Club downtown Nicosia.

■ **EUC Hiking Club Trip to Troodos 15 December 2018**

After the completion of the Midterms exams, the EUC Hiking Club organized a hiking trip to Troodos in order to explore the Cyprus beauties and landscapes of the area. Students had a beautiful and reviving experience.

■ **EUC Shooting Club Training and Event**

The EUC Shooting Club organized on 16 December an event to introduce to its members the interesting Olympic sport of shooting. The students received training on shooting with shotguns on flying artificial targets (Skeet/Compak/Sporting), as well as with air rifles on stationary targets. The events' venue was the Nicosia Olympic Shooting Complex of the Nicosia Shooting Club in Latsia.

■ **Valentine's Day Event**

The Office of Student Affairs organized on Valentine's Day, 14 February 2019 an event for Love, Care and Mingle. The program included various Valentine's Games and an Instagram Competition of pictures on Valentine's wall with various prizes.

■ **ENTHA Publication launch**

On February 2019, the Law Publication ENTHA Issue 10 was launched, published and delivered to a wide list of Universities' Library and Law Associations in both Cyprus and Greece.

■ **Projection of Before the Flood Documentary**

The Ecology Movement of Cyprus along with the EUC Business Society, organized on 25 February the Projection of the Documentary "Before the Flood". At the end, a cocktail reception followed.

■ **ASA Game Night**

The African Student Association organized on 28 February 2019 a Game Night. African students invited Erasmus students and students of different cultural groups, for a night full of fun. Students had the chance to play different board games, gaming and table tennis. The program ended with plenty of traditional food, traditional music and dances. The African Student Association members cooked several African bites.

■ **Hellenic Association Basketball Tournament**

The Hellenic Student Association organized on 1 March 2019 a Basketball Tournament for all members of the Association. At the end of the tournament, the first three winners received trophies and medals and then they all celebrated the event with pizzas and drinks.

■ **Seminar/Workshop on Music Therapy**

The Chamber Music and Guitar Club organized in the beginning of March 2019 a four-hour seminar/workshop in Music Therapy. The Seminar was given by Ms. Pavlina Papadopoulou, Music Therapist, who has an admirable background in the specific area.

■ **Pre-Celebrating International Women's Day**

The Office of Student Affairs organized on 7 March 2019 an event to celebrate the International Women's Day. The program included:

- 1) Information Desks with Associations for Women
- 2) Movie Projections throughout the day in the cafeteria with Women that left a mark throughout the globe
- 3) Movie Projection of the film "Justice", which depicted the true story of a Cypriot abused woman
- 4) Offered to all EUC women free skin diagnosis with a professional scanner and a gift.
- 5) Offered to all EUC women Free Beautician Services from the Cyprus College Aesthetics Department (Facial treatments, Make-up, manicure etc).

■ **Hellenic Association Football Tournament**

The Hellenic Student Association organized on 30 and 31 March 2019 a Football Tournament for all members of the Association at ETHA Football Courts. At the end of the tournament, the first three winners received trophies and medals.

■ **Business Society Seminar “Get Ready for the Job Market”**

The Business Society organized on 9 April 2019 a seminar entitled “Get Ready for the Job Market”. The two-hour Seminar was given by the Director of Student Affairs, Ms. Eleni Markantoni, where she presented to senior students’ various techniques and steps that they have to follow in order to be ready and highly qualified for the Job Market after the completion of their studies.

■ **EUC Psychology Club Seminar Introduction to the Systemic Psychotherapy Practice**

Dr. Nicos Aspris, a counselling psychologist and a systemic psychotherapist, presented to the members of the EUC Psychology Club a three-hour Workshop titled: Introduction to the Systemic Psychotherapy Practice in order to overcome family violence. The workshop took place on 11 April 2019.

■ **EUC Psychology Club Seminar Introduction to Emotion Focused Therapy**

Dr. Christina Michael, a counselling psychologist specialized on Emotion Focused Therapy, presented to the members of the EUC Psychology Students a three-hour Workshop. The workshop took place on 12 April 2019 and was an Introduction to the therapeutic approach Emotion Focused Therapy.

■ **EUC Hiking Club Trip to Akamas 15 April 2019**

After the completion of the Midterms exams, the EUC Hiking Club organized a hiking trip to Akamas Area in order to explore the Cyprus beauties and landscapes of the area. Students had a beautiful and reviving experience as in this trip; they visited the Baths of Aphrodite, then trekked.

■ **Music Education Club Workshop/Lecture**

In May 2019, the Music Education Club organized for its members a workshop with the renowned Italian Saxophonist and music educator Mr. Mimmo Malandra. Mr. Mimmo conducted masterclasses with the novice saxophonists and then gave a short concert together with the students that were trained.

■ **Culture Fusion**

The Office of Student Affairs organized on 15 May the Culture Fusion, which was a spectacular blend of Cultural Shows and Presentations. The Program included International Music and Dance Program ranging from Greek, to Chinese, to Cypriot, to African, to Cretan, to Arabic and to Tibetan Songs, Dances, Acts and Customs Presentations. The Program also included free African Face painting from everyone and movie projections presenting various countries. Finally, everyone was offered free beer.

■ **ASAAN 2019 – Africa Meets Europe Event**

The EUC African Student Association and the Erasmus Office organized the African Student Association Awards Night 2019 on 16 May, where they recognized and awarded students of the African Society and Erasmus Students for their Academic performance and achievements. Among other categories, students received awards for the highest GPA of each school, for Special Contribution etc. After the awards ceremony, the Association presented a rich program with live music, dances, drama and tributes. Traditional African food and sweets prepared by the students was offered to everyone. Finally, the night ended with an African Dj program that brought all the attendants and performers of the event to the stage dancing and having fun until late hours.

■ **Open Days**

European University Cyprus organized Open Days in Nicosia and Limassol (4 July 2018 [Nicosia] and 5 July 2018 [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.

■ **Be a University student**

During the Academic Year 2018-2019, 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.
- Familiarize 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.



9.3. Employability

■ **Cyprus-Greece Conference of Career Guidance and Counseling 2019**

This year's annual "Cyprus-Greece Conference of Career Guidance and Counseling", held at European University Cyprus on 19 April, addressed the broad but pressing topic of technology and its impact on the future of professions. Under the title "The Impact of Technological Development on the Labor Market: New Professions, New Knowledge, New Skills", the conference, drew key professionals and experts as guest speakers and was attended by counselors from the Career Counselling and Education Services (CCES) of Cyprus, counselors from the Greek Career Guidance KESYP, and postgraduate students of Career Guidance and Counselling.

The Keynote speaker was Dr. Pedro Moreno da Fonseca, Cedefop's Lifelong Guidance Expert & Manager of CareersNet, who elaborated on "Digital innovation: transforming jobs, supporting careers". Guest speakers included Mr. Marios Christophorou, member of the board of directors of CyHRMA who presented the "Future trends in the Human Resources Sector" and Mr. Toumazis Toumazi, Project Support Officer of the Cyprus Computer Society who addressed the topic of "Skills and Future Professions" and Dr. Nikos Drosos, Psychologist, Career Guidance Counsellor, Educator at the National University of Athens on "The Role of the Career Counsellor in a Changing Job Market".

Other topics presented at the conference included "The Skill of the Future: Entrepreneurship!", "Updating Counseling Guidelines on Preparing and Defending the Working Environment in New Technology Applications", "Career Guidance for achieving Lifelong learning, adapting and progressing in an ever-changing work world scene" and "The degree will get you the most, to a Job interview".

The Conference was co-organized by the Career Counselling and Educational Services of the Ministry of Education and Culture of Cyprus, European University Cyprus, and the "Michalis Kassotakis" Career Guidance and Counselling Laboratory of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. The Union of Secondary Education Teachers of Cyprus (OELMEK) supported the conference. The Conference's scientific organizing committee is composed of Professor Despina Sidiropoulou-Dimakakou of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Mrs. Lena Nikolaou, Head of the Career Counselling and Educational Services (CCES) of the Ministry of Education and Mrs. Lefki Hadjitofi, President of the Cyprus Association of Career Counselling Teachers.

■ **EPSO PRESENTATION**

For one more year, EPSO (European Personnel Selection Office) presented to students and graduates of European University Cyprus the process of applying to EU institutions. The presentation took place on 28 February 2018 at the premises of European University Cyprus. The speaker, Mr. Michael Stylianou, presented work opportunities in EU Institutions while clueing students in on the process of application. Additionally, he analyzed the new testing process that came in effect this year, which includes IQ questions, linguistic reasoning and e-tray testing. The interactive presentation was concluded with the simulation of the EPSO test. George Vournous was the lucky winner, with the highest grade in the test. Mr. Vournous will have the chance to travel to Brussels for an educational trip.

■ **Field Trip to the Botanical Gardens "CyHerbia" of the Cyprus College Aesthetics students**

On 15 May 2018, the Cyprus College Aesthetics students visited the Botanical Gardens "CyHerbia" at the Avgorou village. The students took a tour to the Botanical Gardens guided by the owner Mrs. Miranta Triggi. At the same time the students were informed about nine categories and thematic units of the Botanical Garden; "Bathroom Gardens", "Herbal Remedies", "Aromatic Herbs", "Insect Repellents", "For the woman", "Relaxation Herbs", "Potpourri", "Cooking Herbs" and "Traditional Cypriot Herbs".

During the tour, the students saw plants related to each thematic unit and were informed about the properties of each plant.

Following the tour, the owner and the Botanical Gardens staff offered ice tea from various herbs to the students. After that, the students took a tour of the distiller's premises. There, they had the opportunity to watch the distillation of oregano, while being analytically informed about the distillation process and the therapeutic properties of the essential oil, which helps fight mycosis, treats respiratory infections, muscle aches, arthritis and other health issues.

■ **European University Cyprus Pharmacy Students - Field Trip to Delorbis Pharmaceuticals Ltd**

Fourth year students of the Pharmacy Program completed the series of lectures of the course Pharmaceutical Technology I, with a field trip to the pharmaceutical company Delorbis Pharmaceuticals Ltd (Industrial area Ergates, Nicosia) on 14 December 2018.

Upon arrival, the highly qualified scientific staff of the company gave a presentation to the students. The presentation informed the students on the company in general and the work it does, its areas of focus, as well as the company's future plans. Following the presentation, the students were divided into groups and, accompanied by trained personnel of Delorbis, took a tour of the modern facilities, specifically to the departments of production, packaging, quality control, quality assurance and storage. During the tour, the students had the opportunity to see the latest technology equipment of each department, which align with the European Union regulations.

The students were impressed with the interaction they had with the Delorbis staff; both because of the tour, as well as the expertise of the scientific staff of the company. Overall, the students earned valuable knowledge from the field trip.

■ **Field Trip: Administration Students to Fileminders/Iron Mountain**

On 20 November 2018, freshmen students of the Office Administration Diploma visited Fileminders/Iron Mountain at Kokkinotrimithia. During the visit, students had the opportunity to take a tour of the facilities and view the operation of different departments of the company.

Mrs. Elena Paraskeva, the Customer Development Executive, along with the assistance of other staff presented to the students the operational overview and the process followed for the successful record keeping of over 500 companies. The staff also presented and analyzed additional services offered by Fileminders/Iron Mountain.

■ **Field Trip to an exhibition and film show at the Goethe Institute Nicosia by the class SOC101A on 28 February 2018**

On 28 February 2018, the class SOC101A visited the Goethe Institute Nicosia with their teacher Petra Daniel. Karin Varga, the director of the Goethe Institute, had agreed to arrange for a private showing of the documentary film "Together Apart" by the German filmmaker Maren Wickwire, and a tour through the photo exhibition "Apples for Sale" by Rebecca Sampson.

The scope of the field trip was to get various angles on the lives of migrant domestic workers from South Asia in both Cyprus and Singapore, which the group then related to the class material and which gave the students an informative and emotional background for an interview assignment with migrant women that was part of their class tasks.

Mrs. Varga joined forces with Mrs. Daniel in introducing the issues raised in the photo exhibition about domestic laborers from Indonesia and Singapore. They gave a brief explanation of each topical section of the exhibition and were present as the students walked around the exhibition and answered questions the students had. Lively discussions followed.

Following the tour of the exhibition, the documentary film highlighting the situation of Filipino domestic workers in Cyprus was shown and consequently discussed.

The whole trip lasted two hours and was a considerable enrichment for the students of SOC101A.

■ **On Campus Recruiting: PHC Franchised Restaurants Public Ltd**

PHC Franchised Restaurants Public Ltd recruited on campus on 25 October 2018. The company's representatives informed students about employment opportunities and received applications on site. A number of students visited the booth and learned about the very attractive employment package and benefits. PHC Franchised Restaurants is in the process of opening a number of new restaurants in Cyprus and it offers a number of vacancies both for part-time and full-time employment.

PHC Franchised Restaurants includes the brands Pizza Hut, KFC, Burger King, Taco Bell, Wagamama, Café Nero, Jamie's Italian, Paul, Sitio Café, Medirerraneo, Hobo, CU, Derlicious, Tavernaki, The Fish Market, Pier One, Remezzo, To Kypriakon, Marina Cool Bar, Verde, Catercom.

■ **Seminar: How Education Leads to Cultural Evolution**

In a packed room, the Co-Director of StudentLife Academy, Tasos Constantinou, analyzed for students and graduates the five dimensions of culture. The seminar took place on 24 October 2018 at European University Cyprus and it was coordinated by the Career Center.

The focus of the seminar was how Culture can evolve and lead to growth for an individual and the public at large. The presenter created powerful images, challenged students and graduates to understand their own cultural dimensions and proposed ways in which each individual can create change within their culture. Students were captured by the interesting way in which Mr. Constantinou explained the theory of Hofstede, while bringing the theory into reality with everyday life examples. Mr. Constantinou emphasized on revolutionizing the approach young graduates must adopt to succeed in the business environment.

The seminar ended with a powerful message for all participants; that “Knowledge is of no value unless it is put into practice”. Students and graduates were extremely satisfied and commented that the seminar was interesting and engaging.

■ **Presentation: Students in Research. Restart: 2016 - 2020**

The Career Center successfully organized a presentation regarding the Competition “Students in Research” on 2 May 2018. Ms. Elena Poulli, Research Promotion Officer from the Research Promotion Foundation, informed the students of European University Cyprus about the Foundation’s call for proposals. The Competition “Students in Research – Study 2018” of the “Cultivation of Culture” Program is part of the RESTART 2016-2020 programs for research, technological development and innovation. The cash prize amounts to € 1,500 for student applicants and € 2,000 for postgraduate students.

■ **Ariadne Test for High School students**

European University Cyprus is the sole provider of the “ARIADNE” psychometric test on employment interests in Cyprus. “ARIADNE” was adapted to the Cypriot educational / professional and social reality to be scientifically suitable for its distribution to the student population of Cyprus. It is the only test of its kind that was weighted among the high school population of Cyprus, under a special permission from the Ministry of Education and Culture of Cyprus. As part of the corporate social responsibility of European University Cyprus, Ariadne is offered, free of charge to the students of the final year of Lyceum in an effort to help them determine their employment interests and start planning their higher education options. On 14 December 2018 the Career Center and Admissions Office of the European University Cyprus held an event for High School students who wished to take the test. More than 200 students in Nicosia and 100 students in Limassol took the test. Due to demand, another event was held during January 2019, which was once again positively received by students and parents.

■ **Career Center Presentations to European University Cyprus and Cyprus College students**

The Career Center organizes yearly presentations for the students of the European University Cyprus and Cyprus College. For the Academic Year 2018 – 2019, fourteen presentations were carried out with the collaboration of the Faculty. Students were informed about the services of the Career Center, which include assistance in creating a CV, Interview Simulations, Job Search assistance, Internships placement, the Ariadne Psychometric Tool, registration on the CSM platform, the Career Day and many more.

Additionally, the Career Advisor presented to the students information regarding the CV Writing process, providing them with insights about the key aspects, which attract the attention of employers.

At the final part of the presentation students had the opportunity to learn about the interview process and how that may be carried out. An interview with one of the students was simulated at the end of the presentation.

■ European University Cyprus 19th Annual Internship and Career Day Exhibition

Aiming to expanding opportunities for the European University Cyprus students and graduates, the Career Center organized the 19th Annual Internship and Career Day Exhibition. The Exhibition, which took place at the Cultural Center of the University, is part of the strategic pillar for targeted actions that broaden every area related to the professional rehabilitation of the University's graduates. It is important to note that at the latest graduate survey, 77% of the European University Cyprus graduates found work in their field of study within six months of their graduation.

The president of OEB, Mr. Christos Michaelides, addressed a greeting speech by expressing the support of the employing and industrial world of Cyprus. As he said, "the long and highly successful presence of the Exhibition demonstrates the need for such initiatives and the importance it offers in the field of employment and vocational rehabilitation". The Student Affairs Director, Mrs. Eleni Markantoni, stated that "the Career Center of European University Cyprus for two decades now focuses on serving the Labor Market with various tools and technologies, thus enhancing the relationship of employers and young graduates".

The Exhibition informed students about the trends of the Labor Market, the Internship Programs, and the full- and part-time employment opportunities. The European University Cyprus graduates carry the new culture, which is characterized by personal responsibility, adaptability and a new form of creativity and innovation. The optimal practices adopted by the European University Cyprus are recognized and from the accreditation of the QS Top Universities (QS Stars) awarding the University with four stars for the pillar of Student Employment.

This year, 86 organizations from Cyprus, Greece, Spain, Czech Republic and Mexico participated in the Exhibition, representing all industries of the Economy. European University Cyprus innovates by enhancing interaction with the real Economy and opens even more channels of communication with the Labor Market.



Το Κέντρο Καριέρας του Ευρωπαϊκού Πανεπιστημίου Κύπρου σας προσκαλεί σε εκδήλωση ενημέρωσης με θέμα:

Πως μπορούμε να συμβάλουμε στην επαγγελματική επιτυχία των παιδιών μας;

- Ενημέρωση για τα εργαλεία, τις μεθόδους και τις υπηρεσίες που προσφέρει το Κέντρο Καριέρας και πως αυτά μπορούν να αξιοποιηθούν από τους φοιτητές.
- Πρακτικές συμβουλές που μπορούν να εφαρμόσουν οι γονείς για να βοηθήσουν στην επαγγελματική ανάπτυξη των παιδιών τους.

■ Τετάρτη, 04 Δεκεμβρίου 2019, 6:00 μμ
■ Αμφιθέατρο Βήτα, Ευρωπαϊκό Πανεπιστήμιο Κύπρου

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■ **CSM Promotion at European University Cafeteria**

On 13 April 2018 the Career Center staff informed students of European University Cyprus about the CSM platform. A high number of students visited the booth to learn about the services of the platform and register. The students were informed about the benefits of registering by the advisors, including but not limited to, the job and internship opportunities, seminars, workshops and conferences participation, CV uploads, and mock interview recordings. The introduction of the application on smartphones was very successful as well, since all new and already registered students download the app on their phones.

■ **Digital Marketing Seminar**

A Digital Marketing Seminar was organized successfully at European University Cyprus on 22 February 2018. The organizer, the Career Center of the University, invited students from the field of Marketing, Business Administration and Graphic Design to attend. The turnout was more than expected and students from other disciplines participated in the seminar.

In a packed room, students and lecturers had the opportunity to be informed about the proper business use of Social Media Networks. The speaker, Mr. Yiorgos Petrakides, Managing Director of the Social Space Academy, explained that Marketing nowadays, can be measured and targeted. The speaker focused on how organizations can use Social Media to create greater impact on the organization's brand and how re-marketing and re-targeting is the new way to attract followers and customers. At the same time, he presented students with ways in which they can enhance their CVs by intelligently using technology. The students participated with queries and clever comments. Students stated that they felt lucky to participate in this interesting seminar.

■ **European University Cyprus Career Center Internship Program 2018**

The European University Cyprus Career Center for the 20th consequent year offered students the opportunity to participate in the Internship Program and gain experience in their field of studies. More than 15 companies and organizations participated in the Internship Program. Dozens of students were accepted after interviews to work in these organizations and companies. Students from the following disciplines: Graphic Design, Marketing, Business Administration, Accounting, Occupational Therapy, Computer Science and Computer Engineering participated in the Internship Program. European University Cyprus simultaneously offers multiple other academic internship programs that are integrated into the curricula. During the program, students trained and worked in organizations relevant to their field of study. They were able to strengthen their communication skills, understand the demands of the labor market, deepen and enriched their knowledge in relation to their profession.

The organizations involved in the project were: PWC, PKLE, Water Board of Nicosia, Compuagora, UMC, Cube Audit Ltd, One Digital, Masquare, Charalmabos Pilakoutas Ltd, Pancyprian Volunterrism Coordinating Council, Cyprus Refugee Council Volunteerism, Cy Digital Net, ET Capital Holdings Ltd, Lanitis C. Holding Ltd, Caritas Cyprus.

■ **The Psychosynthesis of the Interview - Workshop for the European University Cyprus students**

The European University Cyprus Career Center invited Mr. Andreas Kountouros, Human Resources Director at Cube Audit Ltd, to present to European University Cyprus students the workshop with topic "The Psychosynthesis of the Interview".

Mr. Kountouros stressed which information are important to be included in a CV, as well as how a candidate can prepare and analyze the interview process and negotiation. He focused on the parameters that Human Resources Directors concentrate and analyze in a CV. At the same time, he explained what characteristics promote candidates to be shortlisted. Mr. Kountouros mentioned the typical mistakes of an interview and underlined the importance of a CV enriched with experiences. He also pointed out that social media profiles can strengthen or decrease the employment opportunities of a candidate.

The workshop was interactive since students expressed a number of questions and received direct and honest feedback. Several workshops, seminars, field trips, Career Exhibitions and other tools are available for the students of European University Cyprus for the successful entrance of graduates to the labor market.

9.4. Alumni Association

■ EUC WARRIORS EARN THE SECOND POSITION IN THE NICOSIA BASKETBALL SECOND DIVISION AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

The Cyprus College & European University Cyprus Alumni Basketball Team “The Warriors” was justly defeated in the grand final by the Alumni team of Pallouriotissa with a final score of 48-53. As a result, the Warriors landed the second place of the Nicosia Basketball second division amateur championship. This was the first and only defeat of our team in this year’s marathon and unfortunately, it was enough to deprive our team the championship title. Despite the impressive start, our team played far below its standards and despite any outbursts afterwards, it was not enough to overcome the score difference.

Despite any bitterness and disappointment, we are extremely proud of the Warriors yearly performance and we thank and congratulate all our basketball players for their great effort and many victories they earned for us throughout the year (Andreas Antoniou, Captain # 4, Andreas Michael (VC) #8, Antonis Stylianou #71, Kypros Demetriou # 10, Adonis Michael #17, Giorgos Tsangarides #9, Antonis Papastefanou #88, Andreas Tsiatinis #41, Elias Lambrakis #11, Giorgos Fokas #28, Yiannos Hadjigeorgiou #13, Panayiotis Krassas #1, Antonis Paraskevas #2). Their dedication and effort is second to none!

Mr. Andreas Kokkinos, the Warriors Coach thanked Mr. Nikolas Ioannou for his overall presence on the bench of our team but also for his non-profit and selfless contribution from the beginning of the season. Furthermore, Mr. Kokkinos expressed his sincere appreciation to European University Cyprus and the EUC & Cyprus College Alumni Association as well as our great sponsor F&F Group Company and personally the General Manager Mr. Nebojsa Petridis.

9.5. University Sports

The athletic program of European University Cyprus is viewed as an integral part of the university’s life. The men’s and women’s teams include football, futsal, basketball, volleyball, handball, track & field, judo, tennis, badminton, etc. All university teams participate in the leagues organized by the Cyprus University Sports Federation.

■ Futsal Men (2nd place)

In a thrilling championship, our university finished in second place.

■ Volleyball Women (3rd place)

There was a big change of players in the roster of the team during this season. The team consists entirely of new athletes. Although the team tried, it could not claim the title.

■ Basketball Men (1st place)

After exciting and difficult games, European University Cyprus has won the championship. Our team had the same points at the scoreboard with University of Nicosia, but the home win by more points gave us the title of the season.

■ Judo Men (90kg 1st place, 66kg 1st place)

The Judo championship was held in an absolute spirit of mutual respect, maintaining a very high level of competition. At the 90kg and 66kg categories, our athletes Aristos Michael and Christos Skouroumounnis, took 1st place.

■ Handball Men (1st place)

For another year, European University Cyprus demonstrated superiority at the Handball University Championship, winning the league unbeaten.

■ Football Men (3rd place)

In a very competitive championship, that all the teams were at the same level, our team finished in 3rd place.

■ Table Tennis Women (3rd place)

Our athlete, Kyriaci Sarri, took 3rd place at the Table Tennis Championship.

■ Beach Volleyball Men

The couple that represented our university, was eliminated in the semifinals, winning 3rd 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 Humanities, Social and Education Sciences

■ EUC Volunteers' Student Society

Larnaca Salt lake Clean up

25 November 18

Coordinator: Eleni Athanasiou assisted by Angela Georgiadou

We visited the Salt Lake by bus and with the support of the municipality of Larnaca who provided bags and gloves; we cleaned up the Salt Lake.

■ Presentation at the Psychology Group: "Mother-Infant Attachment - Style and its Consequences in Child's Development"

Organizer: Psychology Club

Venue: EUC Room 114

Date: 1 December

■ "Mental health for children and young people"

Organizer: European University Cyprus and Solonion Bookshop

Coordinator: Dr. Eleonora Papaleontiou - Louca

Venue: Delta Amphitheater, European University Cyprus

Date: 18 May19

■ Conference: Youth and Mental Health in a Changing World

Organizers: School of Humanities, Social & Education Sciences, Department of Health of EUC, Health Services of the Ministry of Health and the volunteers' Association "LIVE- LOVE - LAUGH"

Coordinators: Dr. Eleonora Papaleontiou – Louca and Dr. Maria Prodromou

Venue: Cultural Center, EUC

Date: 12 October 18

10.2. School of Business

■ Completion of EU programme SHADOWS EU ERAMSUS+

The School of Business of EUC successfully completed the programme SHADOWS that was funded by the European programme Erasmus +. The programme aimed to train trainers and Graduates from the arts related sectors to be able to start their business based on their ideas. The program lasted for two years and it concluded in Fall 2018. The project concluded with a Business Idea Competition run by EUC-PEAK. The Programme coordinator from EUC was Dr. Simona Mihai, with the support of researcher Dr. Pieris Chourides.

■ Completion of EU programme GETUP EU ERAMSUS+

The School of Business of EUC successfully completed the programme GETUP that was funded by the European programme Erasmus +. The programme aimed to train trainers and Graduates from the green economy related sectors to be able to start their business based on their ideas. The program lasted for two years and it concluded in Winter 2018. The Programme coordinator from EUC was Dr. Pieris Chourides, with the support of researcher Dr. Simona Mihai.

■ Title of the workshop: CONNECTION start-up boot camp for secondary school pupils

Organizer(s): Dr. Simona Mihai and Dr. Pieris Chourides

Coordinator(s): Dr. Elmos Konis, Dr. Christos Christou

Speaker(s): Mr. Petros Florides and Ms. Christiana Vasiadou

Venue: Microsoft Innovation Center

Date: 10-11 May 2019

CONNECTION start-up bootcamp for secondary school pupils from nine teams from public schools in Cyprus was a two-day intensive training, three teams were awarded among others for their best business idea via a pitching competition. The event was organised by EUC-PEAK at the Microsoft Innovation Center at the initiative and selection by the Ministry of Education and Culture of Cyprus, together with other sponsors and supporters from the public and private sector from Cyprus and Greece. In this bootcamp, students from EUC School of Business Administration volunteered with their professors to train the pupils together with other entrepreneurs from Cyprus, Greece and UK in order to deliver the best idea and pitching. The pupils' ages were between 13 to 15. The event was organised by Dr. Simona Mihai Director of EUC-PEAK Innovation Center of the School of Business Administration and Dr. Pieris Chourides with the support of Dr. Elmos Konis, Dr. Christos Christou.

■ Integration into the labor market (CY/2019/AMIF/SO2.NO2.2)

The department of Accounting, Economics and Finance with the collaboration with IMH and the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund obtained a project that will take place between 01 February 2019 – 31 July 2020.

10.3. School of Medicine

■ **Title: Red Cross Christmas Donation**

Organizer(s): EUC Medical Students' Society

Venue: EUC Cultural Center Lobby

Date: 13 December 2018

On behalf of EUC Medical Students' Society, a Red Cross Christmas Donation (Dry/Canned Food - Blankets - Clothes - Medical Supplies) was organized.

■ **Title: Charity Movie nights**

Organizer(s): EUC Medical Students' Society

Date: 16 October 2018

EUCMSS organized a charity movie night. The movie was "The Pursuit of Happiness". We managed to raise €223 and all the funds were donated to the Cyprus Anti-cancer Society. There were 10 people organizing the event.

■ **Title: Christmas Special Charity movie night**

Organizer(s): EUC Medical Students' Society

Date: 4 December 2018

EUCMSS organized a Christmas Special Charity movie night. We watched the movie "The Holiday". We managed to raise €100 and all the funds were used to buy gifts for the hospitalized children at Makario Children's Hospital. So, on Monday, 17 December members of EUCMSS and one dressed as Santa Claus visited kids in Makarios Child and Mother Care Hospital and shared the Christmas spirit and happiness. Kids received their early Christmas gifts and had a chance to spend some time with Santa! There were 12 people in total that organized both of the events.

■ **Title: Art contest in the German Oncology Center in Limassol**

Organizer(s): EUC Medical Students' Society

Date: December 2018

The EUCMSS hosted an Art Contest, in collaboration with the German Oncology Center - Limassol for medical and dentistry students. The winning entries (decided by the GOC) will be put on display permanently at the center. The theme was Hope / Victory and any medium of original art was accepted. There were five people organizing this event.

■ **Title: "Hope for homeless" Dog shelter visit and donation**

Organizer(s): EUC Medical Students' Society

Date: 1 December 2018

EUCMSS members had the chance to visit the Hope for Homeless Cyprus dog shelter and hand over the donations collected by the medical students of the European University Cyprus. Besides dog food, blankets, toys and other things the dogs needed, we managed to raise €530. Apart from playing with the dogs, the visitors managed to take them for long walks and feed them. It was a great experience. Finally, we would like to thank the owners of the dog shelter that gave us the opportunity to visit their shelter and for their amazing job taking care of them. There were 60 people contributing to this.

■ **Title: "Charity Football Tournament**

Organizer(s): EUC Medical Students' Society

Date: 14 April 2019

EUCMSS organized a tournament in which players from EUC medical-dentistry school participated. The income was donated to the special Olympics.

10.4. School of Sciences

■ **“Health and Prevention” program by ExxonMobil (2018-2019)**

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

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 under the auspices of the Ministry of Health and supported scientifically by the students of the Nursing Program of the European University Cyprus. The tests take place 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 prevent, so those who show 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.

■ **“TKNS program – Cycling in the city” (17 November 2018)**

Organizer: Dr, Maria Prodromou, Associate Professor, Coordinator of the BSc in Nursing program, Department of Health Sciences, European University Cyprus

The program TKNS is a prevention program for children between the ages of 8-15 who grow up in a problematic family environment. The aim of the program is to identify this population and to assess their needs.

The TKNS program of the BSc in Nursing program, conducted on 17 November 2018 cycling from Prodromou’ Post Office to Ledra street, where children had the opportunity to visit the Leventis museum, tour the city center, enjoy group activities and to feel the positive influence of their team. This group will also carry out cycling activities open to the public twice a month on the first and on the third Saturday of the month. The goal is the activation, socialization and entertainment of children in an attempt to offer to the individual, the family and society as a whole.

■ **“BLOOD DONATION” (21 November, 2018)**

Organizers: Department of Computer Science and Engineering / EUC Office of Students Affairs

Members of the Department that supported the event:

Dr. Christos Dimopoulos, Associate Professor, Computer Science and Engineering, European University Cyprus

Dr. George Christou, Associate Professor, Computer Science, European University Cyprus

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

A blood donation event was organized by members of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering and the EUC Office of Students Affairs, in the EUC cafeteria. All blood donors received a free T-Shirt with the beautiful design of the poster.

■ **Campaign “Adopt a Family for Christmas 2018” (17 December 2018)**

The School of Sciences organized a campaign for the collection of money in order to support the Pancyprian Association of Volunteers and their campaign “Adopt a family for Christmas 2018”.

The amount of €800 was collected and supermarket vouchers were bought and donated to the families in need.

The School of Sciences organized this campaign in memory of Dr. Mary Eleftheriadou.

■ **“Collection of Food, Money and Clothing for the Cyprus Red Cross” (17 December 2018)**

Organizers: Department of Life Sciences / Nutrition & Dietetics Program / Cyprus Red Cross

Coordinators of the event: Dr. Ioannis Karis, Scientific Collaborator, BSc in Nutrition & Dietetics program, European University Cyprus and Ms. Vana Yiangou, Special Scientist, BSc in Nutrition & Dietetics program, European University Cyprus

A collection of food, clothing and money was organized for the Cyprus Red Cross. The place of collection was at the entrance of EUC cafeteria.

The campaign was organized in memory of Dr. Mary Eleftheriadou.

■ Campaign “Adopt a Family for Easter 2019” (18 April 2019)

The School of Sciences organized a campaign for the collection of money in order to support the Pancyprian Association of Volunteers and their campaign “Adopt a family for Easter 2019”.

The amount of €500 was collected and supermarket vouchers were bought and donated to the families in need.

The School of Sciences organized this campaign in memory of Dr. Mary Eleftheriadou.

■ “TKNS program – Summer Camping” (5-7 July 2019)

Organizer: Dr. Maria Prodromou, Associate Professor, Coordinator of the BSc in Nursing program, Department of Health Sciences, European University Cyprus

The program TKNS is a prevention program for children between the age of 8-15 who grow up in a problematic family environment. The aim of the program is to identify this population and to assess their needs.

A summer camping was organized in Poli Chrysochous with a great success. Fourteen children attended the camp from the program for 9-15 year-olds, as well as seven tutors and students from the Nursing and Occupational Therapy Program. Children had the opportunity, through the dynamics of the group, to share experiences and knowledge that will determine largely both the way of their behavior and their way of perception in their everyday life.

10.5. Committee for Students with Special Educational Needs

European University 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 and its amendments until 2014) referred to as “The Law”, as well as the UN convention on the rights of persons with disabilities (see, Article 9 Accessibility & Article 24 Education) and its ratification by Cyprus law of 2011 (N.8(III)/2011, formulated a Committee for Students with Special Educational Needs.

The University offers students with special educational needs all the opportunities for equality in terms of the provided education and support, so as to enable students develop their potential to the maximum.

All students with special educational needs will be referred, and which will confirm previously given, or specify new, recommendations according to older recommendations of the District Committee (operating at Ministry of Education and Culture in accordance with the Law) or according to new assessments of the student, and will coordinate the support of the students with special educational needs.

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

- Support in class for students with hearing impairments from a Sign Language interpreter.
- Allowance of additional time for examinations.
- Oral examination or dictation of the answers to a scribe.
- Installation of Closed Circuit Television for students with visual impairments.
- Translation of texts into language used for the blind (in Cyprus the Braille method is used).
- Specialized support from a chaperone.
- Specialized support for a more efficient correspondence at their academic tasks, i.e. finding an efficient study method, preparation of essays etc.
- Video/audio recording of class materials so as the students may have access to them later.
- Provision for note-taking.
- Provision for the accessibility of every area inside and outside the campus.
- Psychological, social and financial (for books, notes etc.) support.

Instructors’ and administrative staff’s cooperation and support have always been determinant in the successful implementation of our mission. During the academic year 2018-2019, the number of students who were supported were 206.

10.6. Office of Student Affairs

- **EUC Volunteers' Society supports the Walk with Pink Figures "Together We Shine" of Europa Donna.**

On 6 October 2018, members of the EUC Volunteers Society participated in the Walk with Pink Figures "Together We Shine" of the Europa Donna Association to raise awareness regarding Breast Cancer. After the Walk, a concert followed.

- **EUC MSS Charity Movie Night**

On Tuesday 16 October 2018, the Medical Students' Society (EUC MSS) organized a Charity Movie night for the students of the Medical School in order to raise money for the Cyprus Anti-Cancer Society. They raised and donated the amount of €223. The "Cyprus Anti-Cancer Society" is a registered Charity Organisation that cares for people with cancer providing them with complete Palliative Care.

- **Blood Donation**

On 21 November, the Office of Student Affairs and the Department of Computer Science organized a Blood Donation. Eighty students and staff donated blood. All Blood Donors received a free t-shirt sponsored by Gnomi Advertising Agency Ltd.

- **EUC Volunteers Society Salt Lake Clean Up Day**

On 25 November, the EUC Volunteers Society has organized a Clean-Up Day at Larnaca Salt Lake, after they were informed that the area was in need of cleaning. After many hours of non-stop cleaning in the area, the result was really rewarding for all the participants that once again saw the beautiful site of the Salt Lake clean and stunning.

- **EUC MSS Visit to Hope for Homeless Cyprus Dog Shelter**

Students of the Medicine School and members of the EUC Medical Students' Society, on 1 December organized a visit to the Dog Shelter Hope for Homeless where they assisted in taking care of the dogs, cleaning the place and donating food for the dogs.

- **Fundraising for an EUC Student in Need (13 December 2018)**

The Office of Student Affairs organized a fundraising for a student in need during the Christmas Celebration. The amount gathered was €130.

- **Cyprus College Aesthetics' Club participates in the Philanthropic Event of Pernera Primary School**

Members of the Aesthetics Club offered free services of Face painting at the Philanthropic Event organized by the Primary School of Pernera on 9 December 2018.

- **EUC MSS Red Cross Christmas Donation Event**

The EUC Medical Students' Society organized on 13 December a Christmas Bazaar to gather dry canned foodstuff, blankets and clothes, medical supplies and raise money for the Red Cross Cyprus through a bake sale. The amount of €240 was donated to the Red Cross, along with many bags of clothed, foodstuff and medical supplies.

- **Visit of EUC Speech and Language Therapy Club to an Alzheimer Center**

During Christmas, members of the EUC Speech and Language Therapy Club visited the Alzheimer Center and shared an hour full of Christmas Spirit with the Center's patients while singing, dancing and sharing together quality time. Both students and patients truly enjoyed their time.

■ Free Optometric Test for EUC Students and Staff

The Office of Student Affairs organized on 12 February 2019 a free optometric test for all EUC students and staff. At the end of their test, all students received a free pair of daily or monthly lenses. Additionally, all participants entered a raffle draw for additional gifts.

■ EUC supports Medochemie Nicosia Marathon

EUC supported the Medochemie Nicosia Marathon that took place on 24 February 2019 by providing a very big team of Volunteers in the race. More than 40 students of medicine and nursing programs provided first aid support in various assigned points in the race, assisted in the set-up of the race area, helped in controlling the flow and rules following by the athletes. In addition, we provided three different Music Student Ensembles to participate at the Concert Celebration that took place at the end of the Marathon.

■ Seminar for Cervical Cancer

European University Cyprus and the Enlightenment Department of the Cyprus Association of Cancer Patients & Friends (PASYKAF) organized on 2 April 2019 a lecture for the Prevention of Cervical Cancer. Dr. Afrodite Elisseou, Gynecologist – Obstetrician, presented the Seminar.

■ Fund Raising for a family in need

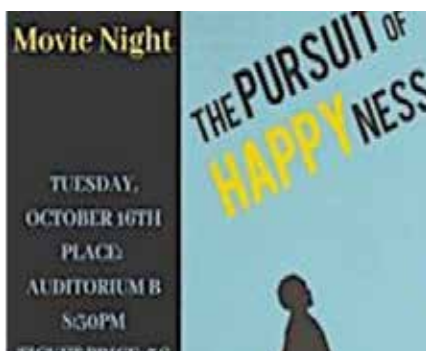
The Office of Student Affairs organized on 3 April 2019 a fundraising day to support the family of a young policeman, relative of an EUC staff member, who passed away suddenly and left behind a wife with a newborn baby. The amount that was raised and delivered was €1000.

■ EUC Supports Limassol Boat Show 2019

The EUC Aesthetics Club participated in the Limassol Boat Show 2019 for two days in 11 and 12 May by providing free face painting to the children of the visitors. The Limassol Boat Show has hosted 120 exhibitors and had in total 33,000 visitors. It is said that it might nowadays be the second biggest Boat Show in the Mediterranean in its kind.

■ Creation and Free Distribution of Informational Leaflet for Correct Ergonomy and Exercise

The Physiotherapy Club designed and prepared an Informational three layers' leaflet relating to correct Ergonomy and exercise. The leaflet was given for free to school students and parents after the end of the Seminar "How I Take Care of Myself". The Seminar was organized on 16 May 2019.



10.7. The Office of Athletics

As a part of the Corporate Social Responsibility, our university maintains a men's handball team since 1987. It participates in all men categories (Men, U19, U17, U15, U13, U11) declared by the Cyprus Handball Federation with a great success. Our academy occupies seventy children under the supervision of skilled trainers/coach.

■ Season 2018/19

- Men's team 2nd place
- Under 19 took the 1st place
- Under 17 took the 2nd place

■ Cyprus Olympic Committee – Best Youth Athletes Awards

In an official ceremony that takes place every year, the Cyprus Olympic Committee presents awards to the best youth athletes of the year. At the category of the best youth handball athlete, the award goes to our athlete Marios Charalambous.

■ OPAP Limassol Marathon GSO 2018 & Running under the Moon

Once more, we participated at the OPAP Limassol Marathon GSO 2018 and Running under the Moon, at the 5km corporate race with a team that consisted of academic staff, administrative staff and students.



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