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Biography:

He has a B.S. and M.S. in Civil Engineering from Engineering School of Robert College (Bosphorus University), Istanbul, Turkey. He has a Ph.D. from the University of Denver, Colorado, USA. Since 1971 he has been a member of the Faculty of Civil Engineering of Istanbul Technical University. He has ben promoted to full profesorship in 1981.

Between 1981-1983 he worked as a visiting professor at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA,USA. He carried out short term research works at Bristol University, England in 1987 and at the International Institute of Seismology and Earthquake Engineering' Tsukuba, Japan in 1988, and at City College of New York', in 1990, 1993, 1994 During 1983-1996 he worked as adjunct professor at Bosphorus University, Istanbul.

He has been the member of the Editorial Board of both Journal of Earthquake Engineering since 2000 and Journal of International Association of Shells and Spatial Structures since 2003. He has been the member of Earthquake Engineering Research Institute (California) since 1994.

He has coauthered two books. He coeditored fourteen books. More than hundred published papers. He has directed thirthy one M.S. and eight Ph.D. thesis.

Between 1985-1991 he served as the Dean of the Faculty of Civil Engineering. Between 1998-2004 he served as the chairman of the Department of Civil Engineering. Since 2001 he has been the Coordinator for the graduate Program of Earthquake Engineering. Since 2003 he has been the Coordinator for the Dual Degree Program of Istanbul Technical University and SUNY University at Buffalo on Civil Engineering.

He has been the Chairman of the Earthquake Foundation of Turkey since 2004. He has been the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Isik University, Istanbul, Turkey since 2006.