

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Born in Istanbul on 16 May 1943. Studied Mechanical Engineering in the Middle East Technical University. Obtained his Ph.D degree from the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, England in 1970. Specialised in, unsteady gas flow. He authored and coauthored over fifty publications on this subject.

Worked in the mechanical engineering department of the middle east technical university between 1970 and 2003. Appointed as full Professor of Mechanical Engineering in the Middle East Technical University in 1981. Served as the Chairman of METU Mechanical Engineering Department for six years. He worked, for a year, as a vice-president of METU, Responsible for research and development issues.

Became the Director of Defense Research Institute of TUBITAK (1985-1987). He was instrumental in reorganizing the project management system in the institute. The main topic of work was research on solid rocket motor systems.

He was the vice president of TUBITAK for six years (1992-1998). During his tenure he was responsible of coordinating the research work of a Center and two Institutes in which, approximately 600 researchers do in-house and contract research. Divisions that were reporting to him include: National Academic Network and Information Center. Science and Technology Policy Division, Publications Division, and Management Information Systems Division. Hundred and twenty technical personnel were employed in the above-mentioned divisions. He was the initiator of total quality management issues in TUBITAK.

He was a consultant to ROKETSAN Ltd. For three years during which his main duty was the establishment of Engineering Development Department. He is the Founder of Aerospace Design Technology Group (ADTG) in the University, which became the primary source of manpower of Engineering Development Department of ROKETSAN.

He was the Turkish principle member of AGARD Propulsion and Energetic Panel between 1978-1995. He served as the Deputy Chairman of the Panel between 1989-1991 and as the Chairman between 1991-1993. He was Turkish National Delegate of AGARD between 1995-1997. During the establishment of Research and Technology organization (RTO), he was actively involved in the Advisory committee to the Chairman of AGARD. Between 1997 and 2003 he was the Turkish board member of the RTB.

He was elected by the NATO nations as the Director of NATO Research and Technology Agency in 2002 and in 2003 appointed by the NATO Secretary General as the Director of the Agency in Paris. During his three year tenure he was primarily involved in the transformation efforts of NATO. This includes a new NATO wide

Research and Technology Strategy, relationship with Allied Command Transformation and a rolling plan for the Research and Technology Organization.

He is married to and has two daughters.

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