

Prof. Dr. Berin Uğurlu Yurdadoğ
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Berin Uğurlu Yurdadoğ was born in Adana in 1928. She completed her high school education in Adana, graduated from Ankara University, Faculty of Language History and Geography, Department of English Language and Literature.

Yurdadoğ, who started her career as a translator first at Ankara University, then at the General Directorate of Security, became an assistant at the University she graduated from, Ankara University, Faculty of Language History and Geography, the Institute of Librarianship. She was given a scholarship by the Ford Foundation, and she completed her studies at the University of Chicago. In the following months, she also attended a program on archives management, “National Archives and Records Service, Archival Course.”

Ms. Yurdadoğ became an associate professor in 1965 and a professor in 1989. She was the head of the Department of Librarianship, Ankara University, between 1980 -1982 and from 1990 until her retirement in 1993.

Professor Yurdadoğ participated in international programs while continuing her academic career at Ankara University. In 1961, on a scholarship provided by the British Council, to complete her associate professor thesis, she carried out extensive research at the British Museum. She also conducted research at some of the German and French libraries on a scholarship provided by the Society of American Librarianship in the same year. She carried out research at libraries in Moscow, Tashkent, and Bukhara on a scholarship offered by the government of the Soviet Union. In the same year, with the support of the British Council, she participated in a program at Sheffield University for a month. During this time, she was invited to a Convention of International School Librarianship, which she attended.

In the years 1991 and 1992, Yurdadoğ, went to England on two separate professional journeys. On her first trip, she took an interest in the university libraries and cybernetic. And on the latter, she researched the curriculum of various departments of librarianship along with representatives from the departments of librarianship from the Turkish universities.

Besides her academic career at the university, Ms. Yurdadoğ assumed duties such as giving intensive courses at Tehran University, which she realized through RCD. In 1968, she also assumed the scientific spokespersonship of the State Planning Organization (1973-74), UNESCO Turkish National Commission of Librarianship, membership for the Committee of

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Documentation and Archives and organizing courses, and preparing reports at different universities and libraries of ministries.

Ms. Yurdadoğ, following her retirement in 1993, continued lecturing at Hacettepe University until 2000. She took office in the IFLA Executive Committee of the Annual Meeting, which was held in İstanbul in 1995. In the following year, in 1996, she graduated from the National Academy of Security and lectured at Başkent University, Institute of Atatürk's Principles and History of the Turkish Revolution.

She was a member of "Atatürk Kültür Merkezi" of Atatürk Supreme Council for Culture, Language and History. She was also a member of the Turkish Language Society and the Turkish Historical Society even before the two said institutions were united. Besides these memberships, she gave conferences on Kemalism on behalf of various organizations in different regions of Turkey, even after her retirement.

Our beloved teacher, who passed away at the Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for Old Persons of Ankara on July 10, 2019, left behind a tremendous academic, socio-cultural richness and thousands of students.

With the attendance of a great many colleagues and students, the ceremony of our beloved teacher took place at Ankara University, Faculty of Language History and Geography, where she served for many long years. After the ceremony, she was taken to "Karşıyaka Graveyard" where she would rest eternally. Our beloved teacher, who had a personality with an extraordinary versatility that shed light to all, won the hearts of people who knew her.

Wishing that the spiritual heritage of Prof. Dr. Berin Uğurlu Yurdadoğ would be adopted by the next generations and kept alive forever, we would like to show our deepest respect to her dear memory.

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