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My dear teacher Professor Doğan Taner

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Doğan Taner was one of the strongest representatives of the Hacettepe school ecole. He was disciplined, decisive, fair person abiding by the rules.

He was one of the best person who prepared the bylaws of Hacettepe Faculty of Medicine and put them in practice in its founding years. He always invited myself to help him and contributed me in writing these legislations. I was very young at those times and had got angry with him thinking that these were not my business. But then I realized that his intention was teaching me how to prepare bylaws and regulations, how to interpret them and how important to use even a single word.

Doğan Taner was an excellent manager. He made fair decisions and was equal to everyone. He had own unique features. He obeyed the rules, he did not compromise, but the truth was that he was one of the student-friendly manager ever. Other teachers always used him. Since no one dared to want anything from him, the others would tell as they cannot do anything since he asked.

I learned a lot from him as my teacher and it used this knowledge all through my life. Most of all, I learned how to react without losing manner, to stay calm and not make decisions in anger and be stoical.

My teacher Doğan Taner was a very good educator. He wrote more scientific articles about education than anatomy. Most of his articles were on the integrated system.

Everyone respected him because he was respected and powerful. His friends would trust him and say, “Doğan knows and does it”.

He had a very good archive and kept everything. We were preparing a booklet in the 30th anniversary of the University. For this, I had to find the official newspaper of Hacettepe University announcing its foundation; but I couldn't be able to find anywhere. When I told this problem to him, he just took that newspaper from one of his files and gave it to me.

Although he look very serious and seems to keep his distance, he was possessed of both humor and wit.

I wish God's mercy on my teacher. May him rest in peace.



Figure 1. Doğan Taner, before his retirement.

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