

In dedication to Professor Mustafa Sargon

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It was 10th of February 2022; a cool winter day, before noon, around 10.00 am. We were in the middle of a proficiency exam of a PhD candidate with our colleagues from Hacettepe University; Mustafa Aldur and Ceren Güneç Beşer. Mustafa Aldur received a phone call and wanted to answer thinking that it may not be a missed one. While talking his face turned to white and could talk only with few words. The news he had was sad, very sad... The sadness I felt when we learned that Mustafa Sargon had a heart attack with that phone call, deepened even more in the evening with the news of his death at the age of 56.

Mustafa Sargon, was truly a great scientist and a dedicated teacher. He was such a good-humored, hard-working, nice and polite friend. He loved his profession and students with passion and such committed to his job that; his last words became “I am well, my lesson will start soon, please help me take to the lab.”

It was a great honor and a privilege for me to work with him in the Council of European Association of Anatomy and Clinical Anatomy (EACA) and in the “Anatomy” journal. He was one of the outstanding editors of our journal and was like my right arm. His contributions to the publication process of our journal is irretrievable. Just a month before his death, we were talking about plans for hosting a future EACA congress. As the General Secretary of EACA Congress held in Istanbul in 2009, he deserved to be the president in 2027 Congress, but unfortunately his life wasn’t enough to do it.

Mustafa Sargon’s contributions to the Anatomy and Medicine cannot be repayable, but we would like to dedicate this issue to his memory in order to express even a little bit of our loyalty towards him. On this occasion, I would like to thank Prof. Dr. Deniz Demiryürek for his contributions.

This was a big shock not only for his family, close friends and colleagues but also for all the anatomists

worldwide. After learning of his death, his friends and colleagues wanted to convey their condolences to the entire Anatomy family through me. I would also like to share these messages in this issue that we dedicate to his memory, of course with the permission of the authors. Rest in peace Sargon, you will be greatly missed here.

With my deepest regards.

Condolence Messages to Mustafa Sargon in the Order of Arrival

So sad and so sudden –

Please send my deepest sympathies to his family – what a loss not only to them but to the anatomical world in general

Life is so precious -we must all live it to the full.

Warmest Regards

Phantom of the fens

Peter Abrahams, MBBS FRCS(ED) FRCR DO(Hon) FHEA FRSA

Prof. “Emeritus” of Clinical Anatomy, Warwick Medical School, National Teaching fellow & Life Fellow, Girton College, Cambridge Visiting Prof. LKC School of Medicine NTU Singapore; Consultant to Brunel Medical School, UK

What terribly sad news, those that you never wish to hear.

Mustafa was a great anatomist and a wonderful man.

I ask that you please present my heartfelt condolences to his family, his friends and to all my wonderful Turkish friends, who I am sure are deeply suffering with this terrible loss.

Diogo Pais, Secretary-General International Federation of Associations of Anatomists (IFAA); Secretary-General International Committee of Symposia on Morphological Sciences (ICSMS); Full Professor and Chairman Department of Anatomy; Chairman Ethics Research Committee

So sorry to hear such sad news. He leaves a lasting legacy. My thoughts are with his friends and family and with the Turkish anatomical community.

Bernard Moxham, B.Sc., B.D.S., PhD, FHEA, FRSB, Hon FAS, FSAE; Emeritus Professor of Anatomy; Immediate Past President of the International Federation of Associations of Anatomists (IFAA) and Past President of the Anatomical Society and the European Federation for Experimental Morphology (EFEM); Founder of the Trans-European Pedagogic Anatomical Research Group (TEPARG)

Mustafa was a fine anatomist, he has a profound intellect. We have attended numerous congresses together, always exchanging avant-garde ideas.

We'll miss him.

Raffaele De Caro, Professor of Human Anatomy; Past-President of European Association of Clinical Anatomists (EACA); Director, Department of Neuroscience, Institute of Human Anatomy, University of Padua, Italy; Director, Unit of Clinical Anatomy, Department of General Surgery, University-Hospital of Padua; Director, National Reference Center for the Conservation and Use of the Bodies of the Deceased, University of Padua

Very sad news, really. For sure, Mustafa was a great anatomist, and not only in Turkey but in the large field of clinical anatomy. He was a great support of our journal SRA, both through publications and clear analysis of submissions. I remember the great congress in Istanbul. Moreover, it was always a great pleasure to meet him, as a so nice person.

Kind regards,

Fabrice Duparc, MD, PhD; Editor in Chief; Surgical and Radiologic Anatomy; EACA Past President

I am really devastated by this tragic message. Not only was Mustapha a great anatomist, but it always was a huge pleasure to meet him in person in various meetings. I will forward your notice to the entire list of EACA members.

With my deepest sympathies,

Bruno Grignon, MD, PhD
EACA Secretary General

This is a great loss and I am deeply saddened. Mustafa has always been a role model for me, we were negotiating Sobotta, he is my vintage, I can't believe it.

I bow down to his character.

Friedrich Paulsen, Prof. Dr. Padua, HonFAS I; Head Institute of Functional and Clinical Anatomy I FAU Erlangen;

Friedrich Alexander University Erlangen-Nürnberg; President European Federation of Experimental Morphology

What a tragedy. Mustafa was a giant in our world of anatomy so this is a huge loss.

Best wishes,

R. Shane Tubbs, PhD, MS, PA-C. Director of Surgical Anatomy, Tulane University School of Medicine; Editor in Chief of Clinical Anatomy; President Elect (2021-2023) of American Association of Clinical Anatomy (AACA)

Please convey to his family our deepest condolences.

Regards

Marios Loukas, MD, PhD. Dean of Basic Sciences SGU; Past President of American Association of Clinical Anatomy (AACA); Department of Anatomical Sciences, St. George's University, Grenada, West Indies

Very bad news, he was the smile and the joy of the Anatomical meetings. I miss him. Please, pass to his family and the Turkish Association of Anatomists my deepest condolences.

Jose Sanudo, Profesor Anatomía y Embriología, Facultad de Medicina, Universidad Complutense de Madrid; EACA Past President

Mustafa was a great anatomist.

My deepest condolences to you and your family, with all of our anatomy colleagues in Turkey and world-wide.

Professor Konstantinos Natsis, MD, PhD, BSc, FFIMS, FEBSM. Orthopaedic Surgeon; President of Committee on Health, AUTH; President of Sports Medicine Association of Greece; Vice President of EFSMA; EC member of FIMS; President Hellenic Anatomical Society Department of Anatomy & Surgical Anatomy School of Medicine, Faculty of Health Sciences, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

I am in shock. Mustafa has always been so very kind and supportive – he was amongst the very first people I met on my first international trip, and has ever since been a wonderful friend, always quietly sharing a joke with his cheeky grin. At my first meetings he was, and has ever since, been such a great support, always enthusiastic for the work of others. I will be forever thankful for his friendship and guidance, and will miss him at the many varied meetings we attended. No one quite mastered the quiet, almost magical, appearance out of nowhere, followed by a quiet nod and smile, as much as Mustafa.

Please share my deepest condolences with his family, with all of our wonderful anatomy colleagues in Turkey and with his many friends world-wide.

Quentin A. Fogg, *Associate Professor in Clinical Anatomy; PhD, FRCPS (Glasg); President (2021-2022), Australian and New Zealand Association of Clinical Anatomists*

What a horrible and sad information! We lose a very sophisticated experienced anatomist, always modest and never insistent. His work was on a constant high level and therefore a shining example for young colleagues.

Personally, I will miss his wonderful smile and politeness as well as himself entirely.

Georg Feigl, *Prof. FA. Dr. med. univ., Institute of Anatomy and Clinical Morphology University of Witten/Herdecke, Germany*

So sad news. Too young!

A great anatomist, scientist and personality.

Everyone has a good word to say for Professor Mustafa Sargon.

No doubt, his loss is huge for his family first and our anatomical society as well.

Best regards to everyone,

Trifon D. Totlis, *MD, PhD, Assist. Professor in Surgical Anatomy, Medical School, Aristotle Univ. of Thessaloniki, Greece; Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, The-MIS Orthopaedic Center; European Knee Associates Board Member (a section of ESSKA); Vice-President of the Regenerative Medicine Association of Greece*

The announcement was received with great sadness. Please convey my deepest sympathy to Mustafa's family and colleagues at his university. Mustafa was well known in the larger academic community and he will be remembered for his academic achievements, professionalism and deep kindness.

Cristian Stefan, *MD, Clinical Professor, Department of Molecular Pathobiology, New York University College of Dentistry*

What a bad and a sad message. It is a really big loss for our anatomical community. Mustafa was the great anatomist, the great teacher and such a good person and friend. I will miss him a lot.

Please send my deepest sympathy to his family.

Václav Báča, *MD, PhD, EACA Honorary President; Rector, College of Polytechnics Jihlava, Check Republic*

What a very sad message!

What an amazing person!

I am very sorry for this loss.

Please send his family a lot of comfort and peace!

Greetings from Innsbruck,

Marko Korschake, *Prof. Dr. med. univ., Vice Head Institute of Clinical and Functional Anatomy; Medical University of Innsbruck (MUI); Institute of Clinical and Functional Anatomy*

Mustafa, great and the most modest anatomist I have ever met will remain and live in our thoughts and memories. I still remember the meeting in Bodrum where I met him first time and he cared for me greatly.

With deep sorrough,

David Kachlík, *PhD, Department of Anatomy, Second Faculty of Medicine, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic*

My deep condolences.

Antonio Gonçalves Ferreira, *Director of the University Clinic of Neurosurgery at FMUL, Lisboa; President of the European Association of Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery (ESSFN); EACA Past President*

What terribly sad news!

It was truly a pleasure to have gotten to know Mustafa. He was a great anatomist.

I am deeply saddened by the news of his loss.

My most sincere condolences.

Michał Polgaj, *EACA Board Member*

I would like to express my deep sorrow for the sudden and untimely loss of this wonderful man. Mustafa Sargon had a lot to offer in the anatomy family. We will always remember his kindness and his smile. My heartfelt condolences to his family in this difficult time. Also a great thank to Nihal for the immediate notification of his death, as well as to Prof. Grignon for the extended notification to all members of the EACA.

Mara Piagkou, *Assoc. Professor, DDS, MD, MSc, PhD, Department of Anatomy, Medical School; National and Kapodistrian University of Athens Greece; Deputy Vice President of the Public Health of Greece*

Mustafa, a great anatomist. A great loss for EACA and for anatomical world.

We will miss his refinement.

With deepest condolences

Veronica Macchi, *Professor of Human Anatomy; Institute of Human Anatomy, Department of Neurosciences, University of Padua; Unit of Clinical Anatomy, Department of General Surgery, University-Hospital of Padua; National Reference Center for the Conservation and Use of the Bodies of the Deceased, University of Padua; Director of the Interdepartmental Research Center for Body Training “A. Vesalius”, University of Padua; Treasurer of European Association of Clinical Anatomist*

What terribly sad news! I never met Mustafa, but I know him for his work and as a great anatomist. I ask that you please present my condolences to his family, his friends and to all Turkish anatomists, who I am sure are deeply suffering with this terrible loss.

Carla Stecco, *Department of Neuroscience, Institute of Human Anatomy, University of Padua, Italy*

It's terrible to hear about this loss and I express my sincere sympathy.

Best regards,

Mirela Eric, *Full Professor, MD, PhD, Plastic Surgeon at University of Novi Sad, Faculty of Medicine University of Novi Sad, Faculty of Medicine; President of Serbian Anatomical Society*

It is hard to believe that Mustafa passed away. It is too sad. Anatomy is no more pleasant without him. I lost a very good friend with a good humour and a smiling face, and a hardworking colleague with whom I worked at TSACA and EACA for many years. I'm in deep sorrow.

Salih Murat Akkın, *MD, Professor of Anatomy & Dean of medical School, SANKO University, Gaziantep; Past President of TSACA (2005-2006), Past President of EACA (2009-2011), Founding Editor of the journal “Anatomy”.*

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