

Chairmen of Turkish Librarians' Association from Past to Present



Nazmi Şahap Coşkunlar
1949-50, 1956-57, 1960-61



Adnan Ötügen
1950-51



Selahattin Çetintürk
1951-55



Mustafa Köymen
1955-56



Leman Şenalp
1957-58



İsmet Parmaksızoğlu
1958-59



Bahri Ulaş
1959-60



Osman Ersoy
1961-64



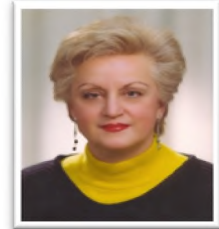
Abdulkadir Salgır
1964-68



Necmeddin Sefercioğlu
1968-72, 1978-92



Nail Bayraktar
1974-78



Tülin Sağlamtuñ
1992-93



Selma Aslan
1993-94



Hasan Duman
1994-95



Ali Berberođlu
1995-96



Dođan Atılđan
1996-2002



Tuncel Acar
2002-04



Ali Fuat Kartal
2004-

60th Anniversary of the Foundation of Turkish Librarians' Association

Turkish Librarians' Association (TKD) was founded on November 19, 1949 under the leadership of Adnan Ötüken, with the aim of bringing Turkish librarians under the roof of a professional body and creating an environment where they can make themselves heard, discuss their problems, look for solutions and form a community of friendship and solidarity. With the foundation of TKD, librarians have acquired a professional body and, thus, a significant step has been taken in the perception of librarianship as a profession. TKD affiliated with IFLA in 1951.

Having carried out its activities within Ankara during its early years, the Association, thanks to an amendment made in the charter on June 3, 1961, gained the opportunity to open branches in cities and provinces. 26 years after its foundation, on February 26, 1975, TKD earned the status of an association in the public interest. The first radical change was made in 1983 with the belief that it would be an important step in the realisation of the goals and functions of the Association. According to this second amendment made in the charter, scope of the Association was extended from libraries and librarianship to the areas of information science and archives, as well. In this way, TKD has taken an important step in gathering archivists and information specialists under its roof, along with librarians.

At the General Assembly held in 1996, *Professional Codes of Conduct* were accepted and announced to the members. At the same Assembly, permanent working groups were decided to be formed for carrying out studies in various areas of the profession. In line with this, TKD İstanbul Branch published *Public Libraries Statement* in March 2004. As an indicator of its delicacy in the issue of intellectual freedom, TKD formed the Permanent Working Group on Intellectual Freedom (DÖG) in 2007 and prepared *Intellectual Freedom Statement* with a participative insight, releasing it to the public in the 44th Library Week. Following this development, *the Statement* was sent to IFLA in October of the same year and was published on the website of Committee on Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (FAIFE), which is an initiative by IFLA.

The Association achieved its goal, which was set during its foundation, of issuing “*scientific and professional publications in the areas of librarianship, information science and archives*” only after 3 years following its foundation and started publishing *Turkish Librarians' Association Bulletin (TKDB)* in 1952. Having changed its name to *Turkish Librarianship*, the journal still meets its readers every 3 months regularly. Being one of the oldest 30 journals published in world standards, *Turkish Librarianship (TK)* took its place in the international platform in 1994 and started to be indexed in *LISTA (Library Information Science and Technology Abstracts)*, which is one of the essential bibliographic resources for our profession. As of 2004, *TK* also started to be scanned in *ULAKBİM Social Sciences Database* formed by TÜBİTAK-ULAKBİM, which covers the national and scientific literature. Also scanned in *Bibliography of Articles in Turkish Periodicals* since 1952, our journal is published electronically since 1999. The electronic version of our journal is offered to our members in the website of TKD (<http://www.kutuphaneci.org.tr>).

Having had 18 Chairmen during the interval of 60 years, our Association issues 53 professional publications and has 22 Branches. TKD also arranges library weeks as national programs for 45 years. With its modern, rationalistic and progressive viewpoint; its branches spreading throughout the country and the number of its members increasing everyday, TKD, as a professional non-profit organisation, carries out its activities in line with the developments in the world.