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Art Historian

He was born in Sivas in 1946. After finished primary and high school in Sivas, he was graduated from the Ankara University, DTCF (Faculty of Language, History and Geography). Between 1974 and 1979, he worked at General Directorate of Foundations as the specialist of official registration of antiques. Until 1995, he worked in Sivas Museum as museum assistant then museum director for 14 years.

His publications “*Foundations, Monuments and Antiquities III of Bursa city center*”, “*The delegation of Sivas Congress and the Members of Representatives of comities*” and “*The History and Monuments of Sivas*” was published of both General Directorate of Foundations and Ministry of Culture. He has several surveys, articles and conferences on the history of Sivas and Its Monuments.

He let *Buriciye Medresseh, Şifaiye Medresseh and Congress Building* serve to the public by giving functioning.

He had mission several foundations and natural member of the Protection Committee Cultural and Natural Properties for 5 years.

He founded the Society of Saving of Sivas Museums and Antiquities by the contribution of the restoration of Sivas historical buildings. He took a role on comities and commissions which organize and perform on the cultural activities in Sivas

He worked on the gathering carpets and kilims from the mosques which can be staled and disappeared with the specialists of Sivas Museum. By the colleting carpets and kilims at the Sivas Museum, the collection has been taken a second place after Turkish-Islamic Art Museum on the aspect of number, quality and richness. By the exhibition of this collection in Sivas Museum, it was provided that a survey opportunity to the researchers. For that reason a Carpeting department has been established in the Cumhuriyet University and it is going on its activating for ten years.

In the year of 1995, he has assigned to the position of assistant director of Museum of Anatolian Civilizations. He has been director of the museum since 2004. He is the president of the excavations “*Haymana-Külhöyük, Haymana-Boyalık, Ulus-Roman Bath, Kazan-Sinap Formation*”. In addition he has the projects “*Roman Holy Road, Development Plan aimed Protection at the Center of Ankara, Frygian Valley, and Enlarging Museum*”

He has been lecturing on the topics Education at Museums and Turkish Museology to the students of Ankara University Social Sciences Institute Museum Education Department for the past 5 years.

He has been the member of ICOM National Committee, Executive Board for 6 years.

He is married and has two children.