

## **PROF. DR. ŞÜKRÜ HALÛK AKALIN**

Prof. Dr. Şükrü Halûk Akalın was born in Adana in 1956. He completed his elementary school, middle school education in Adana, high school education in İstanbul. He graduated from University of İstanbul, Faculty of Letters, Turkish Language and Literature Department in 1979. He started the PhD. program in the same department. While he was doing his PhD. he worked as a teacher for a while. In 1982 he was appointed as a Turkish Language Lecturer to the University of Çukurova.

In 1987, he completed his PhD. in the major of Modern Turkish Language in University of İstanbul. In 1989, he was appointed as an assistant professor to the Çukurova University, Faculty of Letters, Turkish Language and Literature Department. He became an associate professor in 1990 and professor in 1996. He was appointed as the President of the Turkish Language Institution with the governmental decision on April 15, 2001.

He has eleven books, one hundred eight articles and papers written in the field of Turkish language. He also worked for the project of finding Turkish equivalents of computer terms and making the correct use of Turkish on the computer possible. On the internet, he tried to generalize the use of Turkish on the internet. In February 1997, he set up Turkology World web site; in November 1998 he formed the Turkology Communication Group on the internet. On the internet, he published the first online Turkology Journal, which is the Journal of Turkology Studies World web site in 1999.

He set up the Turkology Research Center and worked there as its first manager for five years. He became the president of the Permanent International Altaistic Conference for the year 2003, which has its General Secretary office in the United States

He actually works at the Hacettepe University and has been working as the president of the Turkish Language Institution for the last six years.