

**TO THE MEMORY OF PROF. DR. UĞUR DEMİRAY
(29.12.1955 - 01.12.2017)**



Anadolu University's academic member, Prof. Dr. Uğur DEMİRAY who passed away on December 01, 2017 was the founder of International Distance Education Journal (GLOKALde) and was the chief editor between 2014 and 2017. As a result of Dr. Uğur DEMİRAY's devoted work, the journal reached its highest level of success. We, as GLOKALde team, hope to continue its publication and remember him with admiration, love and respect.

Dr. Uğur DEMİRAY was one of the first graduates of the Faculty of Communication Sciences at Anadolu University. He was a dedicated and irreplaceable scientist who received nine international awards.

Dr. DEMİRAY graduated from Anadolu University, Faculty of Communication Sciences, Department of Cinema-Television in 1981 and in the same year, he was appointed as a research assistant to the Faculty of Communication Sciences. He received his PhD degree from Anadolu University, Graduate School of Social Sciences in 1986. He received the title of associate professor in 1989 and professor in 1995. Dr. DEMİRAY was a well-known academician who worked in the field of distance education with many publications. Dr. DEMİRAY published 26 single and co-authored books at national and international levels, wrote chapters in 20 books, edited 22 chapters, wrote 50 articles, and had 43 published and 18 unpublished papers in the field of communication and distance education. He was an editor for 10 international academic journals and the member of the scientific board of 38 international academic journals. Dr. DEMİRAY served as a thesis advisor for many students at graduate and doctorate levels, as a professor at the Faculty of Communication Sciences of Anadolu University for 36 years and as the head of department of Press and Publication Department for many years. He gave lectures on Research Methods, Introduction to Communication, Communication Models, Communication Beyond Communication at the undergraduate and graduate levels at Anadolu University.

The 16th International Symposium on Communication in the Millenium-CIM, organized by

Anadolu University, Istanbul University and the University of Texas at Austin, was held in Eskişehir between 25 and 28 April 2018 and it was dedicated to precious scientist Dr. Demiray. who made great efforts for the beginning and the continuation of the symposium.

Dr. DEMİRAY was the founder-editor of The Online Journal of Distance Education (TOJDE) and was the editor-in-chief from 2000 to 2014. In 2012 he became the founder-editor of the Women's Online Journal of Distance Education (WOJDE). In addition, he established the international distance education organization, Northern Asia Northern Africa United Distance Education for Eastern Europe Western Asia Northern Africa (UDEEEWANA). Thanks to Dr. DEMİRAY's scientific efforts and dedication, these journals have contributed significantly to education literature . Dr. Demiray supported the field of distance education with his efforts around the world, devoted work, tirelessly taking innovative steps, with his entrepreneurial spirit and his international communication.

Dr. Demiray's excitement in research, efforts to guide his students, academic colleagues, and his contributions to the scientific world will never be forgotten. We are proud of you, Prof. Dr. Uğur Demiray. How early you left us. Sleep in the love light.

Prof. Dr. Emine Demiray