

75TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL THANKSGIVING SESSION: PROF. DR. M. NAMIK YALÇIN

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Within the 79th Geological Congress of Türkiye, a special session "75th Anniversary Thanksgiving Session" will be held in honor of Prof. Dr. M.Namık Yalçın.

Prof. Dr. Yalçın was born in İstanbul in 1949. He graduated from "İstanbul Erkek Lisesi" in 1967. He completed his geology education at Faculty of Science of İstanbul University, in 1972 as Geological Engineer, M.Sc In 1977, he received the title of Dr. rer. nat. with his doctoral thesis "Geological Investigation of the Narince-Gerger Area (Adıyaman Province) and Its Petroleum Possibilities". He became an Assistant Professor at Istanbul University in 1982, an Associated Professor at the Faculty of Earth Sciences in 1983, and a Professor in 1993.

Prof. Dr. Yalçın continues with his research studies in the fields of "Energy Resources (Fossil Fuels), Petroleum Geology, Organic and Inorganic Geochemistry, and Basin Modeling," as well as in the fields of "Geological Heritage, Cultural Geology and Geoarchaeology".

He helded various administrative positions at Istanbul University, Faculty of Engineering, Department of Geological Engineering, including Head of the Applied Geology Division, Head of the Department of Geological Engineering, and Member of the Experts Committee and Board of Directors of the Istanbul University Research Fund.

After his doctorate, he worked as a visiting scientist at the Institute for Petroleum and Organic Geochemistry of Jülich Research Center, Germany (1981-1983), as senior research geologist and technical director at Integrierte Explorations Systeme (IES, Jülich, Germany) (1983-1989), and as a visiting professor at the Department of Organic Geochemistry, GeoForschungsZentrum Potsdam, Germany (March-June, 2013). He served as the Head of the Earth Sciences Department at TÜBİTAK Marmara Research Center (MAM) in 1989-1999, as the Deputy Director of the Center from 1991 to 1992, and as the Director of the Earth Sciences Research Institute (1999-2000). He also served as a member of the Scientific Board of Istanbul Batı University (1994-1998), and as a member of the Executive Council of Geologische Vereinigung e.V. (Germany) (1997-2003). He was involved in various activities of the Chamber of Geological Engineers (TMMOB-JMO). He served as the president of the 67th Geological Congress of Türkiye (2014) and as the president of the Cultural Geology and Geological Heritage working group of the Istanbul Branch of the Chamber of Geological Engineers (2020-2024). He also served in the "Steering Committee of the Foresighting Study in Geology" from 2014 to 2015.

Prof. Dr. Yalçın has published 143 scientific papers in national and international peer-reviewed journals, 183 presentations at national and international scientific events, Prof. Dr. Yalçın has more than 2000 citations to his publications and his h-indexes are"SCI 19; ResearchGate 24; Google Scholar 29". By teaching courses such as "Petroleum Geology", "Subsurface Geology", and "Geology of Fossil Fuels" at the undergraduate level; "Presentations in Earth Sciences", "Geology and Organic Geochemistry of Oil Shales", at the graduate level, and "Basin Modelling", "Geothermics and its Applications in Geology", "Global Changes and Event Stratigraphy", "Special Topics in Organic Geochemistry" at the doctoral level, and by supervising 6 Ph.D and 11 master's theses he contributed remarkably to the education of younger generations In addition, Prof. Dr. Yalçın has served as chairman of organizing committees of significant scientific events held in Türkiye and outside. Additionally, he served as editor in national and international journals and books. He is a member of important earth science organizations such as the Chamber of Geological Engineers (JMO), the Association of Turkish Petroleum Geologists (TPJD), the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG), the European Association of Organic Geochemists (EAOG), and the Geologische Vereinigung (GV).

Prof. Dr. Yalçın has received several scholarships and awards: such as Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship (1981), TÜBİTAK Encouragement Award in Earth Sciences (1984), TÜBİTAK Marmara Research Center Achievement Award (1995), European Association of Organic Geochemists Distinguished Service Award (1999), TMMOB Chamber of Geological Engineers, Altın Çekiç Geology Science Award (2011), Senckenberg Gesellschaft für Naturforschung (SGN), Germany, Corresponding Member (2012), and Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Research Fellowship (2013).

We invite you to contribute to the "75th Anniversary Special Thanksgiving Session of 79th Turkish Geological Congress" organized in honor of Prof. Dr. Yalçın, who has dedicated 55 years to geology. with presentations regarding your current research studies.