

Memoriam

Prof. Dr. Murat SEZGİN'in hatırasına (1974-2017)

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Sinop Üniversitesi Su Ürünleri Fakültesi Su Ürünleri Temel Bilimler Bölümü Deniz Biyolojisi Anabilim Dalı Öğretim Üyesi değerli dostumuz Prof. Dr. Murat Sezgin'i 28.07.2017 tarihinde kaybettik. Prof. Dr. Sezgin, Crustacea biyolojisi ve ekolojisi ile Amphipoda takımının taksonomisi konusunda uzmanlaşmış değerli bir bilim insanydı. Makrobentik omurgasızlar konusunda yürüttüğü ve çeşitli projeleri kapsayan çalışmaları ile Sinop Üniversitesi Su Ürünleri Fakültesinde bentoloji laboratuvarının gelişmesine önemli katkıları sağlamıştır.

1974 yılında Malatya, Pütürge'de doğan Dr. Sezgin, 1991'de Ondokuz Mayıs Üniversitesi Su Ürünleri Fakültesini kazandı ve lisans öğrenimine başladı. 1995 yılında Prof. Dr. Arif Gönüllü'nun danışmanlığında yüksek lisansa başlayan Dr. Sezgin,

"Sinop Yarımadası Sahilleri Supra, Medio ve Üst İnfralittoral Zonlarda Yer Alan Amphipoda (Crustacea) Türleri Üzerine Bir Araştırma" konulu yüksek lisans tezini tamamladı.

1996'da Araştırma Görevlisi olarak akademik hayatına başladı. 1999'da doktora tez çalışması için Ege Üniversitesine görevlendirilerek 2003 yılında Su Ürünleri Fakültesi Temel Bilimler Bölümünde Prof. Dr. Ahmet Kocataş danışmanlığında "Türkiye'nin Ege Denizi Kıyıları Sublittoral Bentik Amfipodları ve Biyoekolojik Özellikleri" isimli doktora tezini tamamladı. 2004 yılında Sinop Üniversitesinde Yardımcı Doçentlik unvanını alan Dr. Sezgin 2007 yılında Doçent unvanına hak kazandı. 2013 yılında "Profesör" unvanını aldığında henüz 39 yaşındaydı. 2016 yılından itibaren Sinop Su Ürünleri Fakültesi Dekanlığı ve Rektör Yardımcılığı görevlerinde bulundu.

Makrobentik omurgasızların biyoekolojisi ve denizel amfipodların taksonomisi konusunda uzmanlaşan Dr. Sezgin'in akademik yaşamı 21 yıl sürmüştür. Çalışmayla geçen akademik hayatı boyunca ve vefatından sonra, çoğu Karadeniz'in biyolojisi ve ekolojisi üzerine yazılmış 100'den fazla çalışması yayınlanmıştır. Yayınları referans listesinde verilmiştir. 45'ten fazla ulusal ve uluslararası konferansta bildirisi bulunmaktadır. 2008'de Karadeniz Komisyonu tarafından deniz ekolojisi alanında "Gelecek Vadeden Genç Bilim İnsanı Ödülü"ne layık görülmüştür. Sinop Üniversitesi Su Ürünleri Fakültesinde Su Omurgasızları adlı lisans dersini ve Denizel Biyoçeşitlilik ve Türkiye Denizleri ve Crustacea Biyoekolojisi gibi lisansüstü derslerini vermiştir. Dr. Sezgin deniz biyolojisi alanında toplam altı yüksek lisans ve iki doktora öğrencisi mezun etmiştir. Birçok ulusal ve uluslararası

projede araştırmacı olarak yer almış, özellikle Karadeniz Havzası ile ilgili Avrupa Birliği projelerindeki işbirlikçi yaklaşımı, güven veren kişiliği ve iş disiplini ile Karadeniz'e kıyası olan proje partneri ülkelerde kısa sürede saygı duyulan ve bentoloji konusunda tanınan bir bilim insanı olmuştur. Son yıllarda yürüttüğü uluslararası ikili iş birliği projeleri kapsamında laboratuvarındaki ekip üyelerinin meiobentik organizmalar konusunda çalışmalarına onayak olmuş ve Karadeniz'de meiobentos çalışmalarının ilerlemesine öncülük etmiştir.

Prof. Dr. Murat Sezgin'in vefatından hemen önce Sinop Körfezi'nde tespit edilen ve bilim dünyası için yeni olduğu belirlenen tardigrad türüne değerli dostumuzun soyadı verilmiştir (*Megastygarctides sezginii* Ürkmez, Ostrowska, Roszkowska, Gawlak, Zawierucha, Kristensen and Kaczmarek, 2017). 19. Su Ürünleri Sempozyumu'nun Eylül 2017'de Sinop Üniversitesinde gerçekleştirilmek üzere planları yapılrken fakülte dekanı ve sempozyum başkanı olan ve bilimsel camiadan dostlarını ağırlayacak olmanın heyecanını yaşayan Prof. Dr. Murat Sezgin maalesef sempozyumun gerçekleştigiğini görememiştir.

Prof. Dr. Murat Sezgin, eşi ve oğlu ile memleketi Malatya'ya giderken 28 Temmuz 2017'de geçirdiği trafik kazasında hayatını kaybetmiştir. Dr. Sezgin'in henüz 7 yaşındaki oğlu Asrin'in da aynı trafik kazası nedeniyle bir gün sonra hayatını kaybederek babasının yanında toprağa verilmesi herkesi yasa boğmuştur. Mekanları cennet, ruhları şad olsun.

Değerli dostumuz, meslektaşımız Dr. Sezgin güçlü bilimsel yönünün yanında insana güven veren duruşu, nazik ve beyefendi kişiliği ile de her zaman hatırlarımızda olacaktır.

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We lost our dear friend Prof. Dr. Murat Sezgin,

a faculty member of Sinop University, Faculty of Fisheries, Department of Marine Biology, Department of Basic Sciences of Fisheries, on 28.07.2017. Prof. Dr. Sezgin was a valuable scientist who specialized in the biology and ecology of Crustacea and the taxonomy of Amphipoda. He made significant contributions to the development of the benthology laboratory at Sinop University, Faculty of Fisheries with his thesis and various projects on macrobenthic invertebrates.

He born in 1974 in Pütürge, Malatya, Dr. Sezgin graduated from Ondokuz Mayıs University, Faculty of Fisheries in 1991 and started his undergraduate studies. In 1995, Dr. Sezgin started his master's degree under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Arif Gönülol and completed his master's thesis on "A research on

Amphipoda (Crustacea) species in the supra, medio and upper infralittoral zones of the Sinop Peninsula coast".

In 1996, he started his academic life as a Research Assistant. In 1999, he was sent to Ege University for PhD studies, and in 2003 he completed his PhD thesis entitled "Sublittoral benthic amphipods of the Aegean coasts of Türkiye and their bioecological characteristics" under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Ahmet Kocataş at the Department of Basic Sciences, Faculty of Fisheries. In 2004, Dr. Sezgin received the title of Assistant Professor at Sinop University and became an Associate Professor in 2007. He has just 39 years old when he received the title of "Professor" in 2013. Since 2016, he has served as the Dean of the Sinop Fisheries Faculty and Vice Rector of the University.

Specializing in the bioecology of macrobenthic invertebrates and the taxonomy of marine amphipods, Dr. Sezgin's academic life lasted 21 years. Throughout his academic life and after his death, he published more than 100 works, most of them on the biology and ecology of the Black Sea. His publications are given in the reference list. He has presented more than 45 papers at national and international conferences. In 2008, he was awarded the "Most Promising Young Scientist in the Field of Marine Ecology" by the Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution (Sofia, Bulgaria). He taught undergraduate courses on "Aquatic Invertebrates" and graduate courses on "Marine Biodiversity and the Seas of Turkey and Crustacea Bioecology" at Sinop University, Faculty of Fisheries. Dr. Sezgin has graduated a total of six MSc and two PhD students in marine biology. He has participated as a researcher in many national and international projects and has quickly become a respected and recognized scientist in the field of benthology in the project partner countries bordering the Black Sea, especially with his collaborative approach, trustworthy personality, and work

discipline in European Union projects related to the Black Sea Basin. Within the scope of the international bilateral cooperation projects he has carried out in recent years, he has paved the way for the team members in his laboratory to work on meiobenthic organisms and pioneered the progress of meiobenthos studies in the Black Sea.

Just before Prof. Dr. Murat Sezgin's death, a new species of tardigrade was identified in Sinop Bay and named after our dear friend (*Megastygarctides sezginii* Ürkmez, Ostrowska, Roszkowska, Gawlak, Zawierucha, Kristensen and Kaczmarek, 2017). When the 19th Aquaculture Symposium was planned to be held at Sinop University in September 2017, Prof. Dr. Murat Sezgin was the dean of the faculty and chairman of the symposium. He was so excited to host his friends from the scientific community, but unfortunately he could not see the symposium take place.

Prof. Dr. Murat Sezgin lost his life in a traffic accident on July 28, 2017, on his way to his hometown, Malatya with his wife and son. Prof. Dr. Sezgin's son, Asrin, who was only 7 years old, died the next day due to the same traffic accident and was buried next to his father, leaving everyone in mourning. May their souls rest in heaven.

Our dear friend and colleague, Dr. Sezgin, will always be in our memories with his reassuring stance and gentle personality, as well as his strong scientific aspect.

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