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Curriculum vitae

I graduated in Turkish studies at the Philosophical Faculty of Loránd Eötvös University (ELTE) in 1982. I wrote my thesis on the Arab written dictionary written by Kasgarli Mahmud, a Turkish writer from the 11th century.

After finishing the university I worked as librarian in the Library of the Orientalism Department of the Philosophical Faculty of Loránd Eötvös University until 1990. In 1990 my job was ceased.

I participated and lectured at more international congresses connected with Turkish studies:

- in 1985 in Istanbul at the 5th International Turkologist Congress on the Hungarian relations of plant names appearing in the 1st Turkish dictionary from the 11th century
- in 1988 in Istanbul at the 6th International Turkologist Congress on the observations of Hungarian travellers from the 19th century connected with Turkish theatre
- in 1990 in Cyprus at the international symposium called Relations Between Different Turkish Societies about the historic relationship of the Hungarians and the Turkish
- in 1991 in Baku at the symposium organized on the apropos of Ataturk's anniversary about Ataturk's Hungarian professionals and about the Turkish leader's excellent diplomats working in Budapest
- in 1995 in Biskek, the capital of Kyrgyzstan at the conference organized on the apropos of the 1000th anniversary of the Kyrgyz Settlement about the Hungarian discoverer and translator of Manas epos.

In 1991 I had a research fellowship in Ankara; I worked in the National Library. After the end of two-week fellowship I had the chance to make further researches for 6 months in Ankara in the Library of Turkish Linguist Society and in the Library of Turkish Historic Association. And this way I could collect all the survived material by Hungarian experts working in Ankara in the past.

In 1993 with the support of Illyés Foundation I spent 2 months with research in Ankara, continuing the unfinished work — collecting material connected with the work and memories of Hungarian workers, researches, artists, engineers, scientists working in Ankara and the provincial towns of Turkey between two world wars.

In the winter and summer of 1994 I spent months in Istanbul with exploring Hungarians living there and then I spent time with processing family histories.

In the winter of 1995 I researched in Istanbul collecting material and documents about Hungarians living in Istanbul.

In 1996 I had a 3 months fellowship in Ankara in the Archive of the Republic and I collected information about Hungarian professionals being employed in the Turkish state service in the past.

In the winter and autumn of 1997 I worked in Istanbul for a month, I continued the unfinished researches.

In the winter and late autumn of 1998 I researched in Istanbul and Izmir to continue the exploring of old Hungarians. Between the 25th October and 1st November I was invited to the 2nd International Turkish Literary Symposium of Balkan States and North Cyprus to Izmir. I had a lecture on the Hungarian literature in Turkey. After that I was invited for a research to Izmir for 10 days.

From April to July 1998 I explored the Turkish-Hungarian relationships of Transylvania in the Central Library of the Cluj-Napoca University, with a special regard to the turkologist work of the Department of Ural-Altai Comparative Linguistics.

In February 1999 I received an invitation to Izmir to the international meeting of the Turkish poets and writer living outside Turkey. I had a lecture on the history of turkology in Hungary, because the 1st Turkish department was founded at the university in Budapest.

At the end of September 1999 I participated at the international scientific symposium of KIBATEK (the meeting of the Turkish poets and writer living outside Turkey) held in Romania. I had a lecture on Seyffedin Sevket, the Hungarian poet with Turkish-Hungarian origin, who was born in Cluj-Napoca.

In October 2000 I participated at the KIBATEK scientific symposium held in Struga, Macedonia. I lectured on Çobanzade the Crimean Tatar poet and turkologist's letters and poems written in Budapest and his study years in the Eötvös College in Budapest.

In the summer 2001 because of the lack of my visa I could not travel to the venue of the KIBATEK symposium in Kazakhstan, I sent the written form of my lecture about Osman Koryürek which was read out.

In June 2002 the KIBATEK held its regular scientific assembly in Crimea, Simferopol. I lectured on Çobanzade the famous son of Crimea. Due to this I received an invitation to a session organized on the apropos of Çobanzade's 110th birth anniversary.

In 2002 I received an award by KIBATEK (The International Service for the Turkish Language Award).



From 1993 to 2000 I lectured at the Department of Turkish History of Education at the Philological Association in Miskolc.

The history and literature of ancient Turkish peoples - 3 lessons per week
Arab-Turkish writing - 1 lesson per week
The history of Hungarian and international turkology - 2 lessons per week
Hungarian-Turkish relations from the viewpoint of the history of education - 2 lessons per week
Turkish literary history - 1 lesson per week
Islam - 1 lesson per week
Turkish linguistic and conversation practice - 6 lessons per week

On 5th December, 1997 I asked for my pre-retirement.

As a contractual lecturer I teach Hungarian-Turkish relations from the viewpoint of the history of education and history of turkology to 2nd and 3rd year history students and I teach Turkish language at business language courses.

Since 1999 I have dealt with the collection and documentation of Turkish-Hungarian cultural relations in Ankara and Istanbul, Turkey.

I am in my 2nd year of PhD-programme at the Turkish department of ELTE.

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