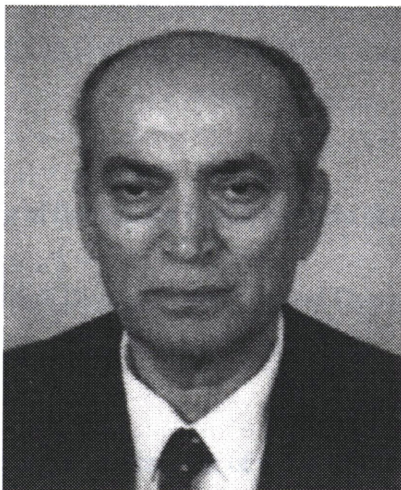


In memory of Professor Osman Tekinel



Osman Tekinel (1936 – 2004)

Professor Dr. Osman Tekinel was born at Izmit in 1936. After completing primary school in Izmit, he proceeded to Bursa for middle and high school. He graduated from Ankara University Faculty of Agriculture in 1959. He earned an assistantship in the department of Agricultural Structures and Irrigation right after his graduation. He completed his Ph.D. degree in 1962 and left for post-doc studies in University of California in USA to study reclamation of saline soils, irrigation and drainage. He extensively studied “Land Reform” between 1964 to 1966.

After completing military duties between 1966 to 1968, he was appointed as a faculty member at Ankara University Faculty of Agriculture. Dr. Tekinel was commissioned to establish Faculty of Agriculture in Adana as a part of Ankara University in 1970. He became a full professor in 1972 and became the Dean of Faculty of Agriculture of Çukurova University, Adana in 1974. He was the pioneer of trickle irrigation studies in Turkey with the cooperation of Dr. Goldberg of Rehovot University, Israel. Dr. Tekinel encouraged Pilsa Plastic Pipe Factory to manufacture pipes and equipment for trickle irrigation.

Professor Tekinel became the undersecretary of Ministry of Agriculture between 1980 to 1984 and returned back to Çukurova University as the Dean of Faculty of Agriculture and the Vice President. He headed and completed extensive studies on “Current Status of Agriculture of Central Asian Turkic Countries” and also became one of the six members of “Center for Advanced Agricultural Studies -CIHEAM” based in Paris. He was elected as the vice president of this institution, which has fifty thousands scientists from thirteen Mediterranean countries and became advisor for irrigation and drainage division. Dr. Tekinel also headed a study in Harran Plain, which was commissioned by Southeastern Anatolian Project Governance. This eight year study was carried out on an eighty ha area that included thirty sub projects with two hundred and fifty scientists.

Dr. Tekinel was appointed as the President of Kahramanmaras University in 1994. He increased the number of schools from three to seven, and vocational schools from three to ten and established three institutions during his nine years stay.

Prof. Tekinel had about eight hundred publications in Turkish and sixty publications in English. He advised many graduate students in their MS and PhD degrees. He was married and had two daughters.