

**This current issue is dedicated to the founder of our journal,
Prof. Dr. Uğur DEMİRAY, in memoriam**



Prof. Dr. Uğur Demiray mainly working in the field of distance education, and is one of academicians in Turkey with the most publications in this field. He is a scientist who devotes himself to his students and academic work. Thanks to Uğur Demiray, who is founding editor and international affairs of International Women Online Journal of Distance Education, IJONTE has started publishing in 2012. Our paper has come to these days thanks to the scientific efforts of Prof. Dr. Uğur Demiray, interpersonal and international strong communication and self-sacrifice.

Prof. Dr. Uğur Demiray graduated from Anadolu University Faculty of Communication Sciences Department of Cinema and Television in 1981 and completed his doctorate in Anadolu University Institute of Social Sciences (Department of Educational Communication) in 1986. He became associate professor in 1989 and professor in 1995. Demiray, which published



national and international books, parts in books, and articles in the field of communication and distance education, also presented many papers in national and international congresses. Prof. Dr. Uğur Demiray, who has been a member of faculty of Communication Sciences at Anadolu University for 36 years, has also worked as a master's and doctoral dissertation advisor in addition to project studies. He was the founding editor of The Turkish Online Journal of Distance Education (TOJDE) and also the editor-in-chief between 2000 and 2014. He is also the founder of the international distance education journal, "Global and Local Distance Education (GLOKALDE)" and

has been the editor-in-chief of it between 2013-2017. He is the founder of the international distance education organization called as "United Distance Education for Eastern Europe Western Asia Northern Africa (UDEEEWANA)". Prof. Dr. Uğur Demiray, in Turkey and in the world, all these beautiful efforts, selfless work, innovative approaches, international communication, and with entrepreneurial personality has provided many important contributions to the field of distance education.

As a WOJDE team, to Prof. Dr. Uğur Demiray who is the journal's founder and responsible for international affairs between the years 2012-2017, we would like to thank his labor, and her longingly, lovingly, we remember with reverence. In the field of women and distance education, we hope to continue from where he left off. His excitement in research, his efforts to guide his students and academics, his contribution to the world of science will never



be forgotten and his light will continue to

illuminate our path. Prof. Dr. Ugur Demiray, we are proud of you. You left early between us.
Rest in peace.

