

This current issue is dedicated to the founder of our journal,

Prof. Dr. Uğur DEMİRAY, in memoriam

(b. 1956 – d. 2017)

Prof. Dr. Uğur DEMİRAY mainly studied on distance education, and he was one of the most publishing academicians on this subject. He dedicated most of his lifetime to his students and academic work so he was a role model for too many colleagues. He was founder and responsible for international affairs in International Women Online Journal of Distance Education (WOJDE) in 2012. The journal (WOJDE) is thankful for his outstanding effort since the first day.



Prof. Dr. Uğur DEMİRAY graduated from Department of Cinema and Television, Anadolu University Faculty of Communication Sciences in 1981 and completed his doctorate in Department of Educational Communication, Anadolu University Institute of Social Sciences in 1986. He was promoted associate professor in 1989 and professor in 1995. He wrote books, had his own articles, presented many papers that were published nationally and internationally, and also was editor for lots of other journals in communications and distance education. Prof. Dr. Uğur DEMİRAY, who had been a member of faculty

of Communication Sciences at Anadolu University for 36 years, had 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 was also the founder of the international distance education journal, "Global and Local Distance Education (GLOKALDE)" and had been the editor-in-chief of it between 2013-2017. He was the founder of the international distance education organization called as "United Distance Education for Eastern Europe Western Asia Northern Africa (UDEEEWANA)". Prof. Dr. Uğur DEMİRAY, with his outstanding effort, selfless work, innovative approaches, international communication, and with entrepreneurial personality has provided many important contributions for the worldwide distance education.



We as WOJDE team, thank to Prof. Dr. Uğur DEMİRAY the journal's founder and responsible for international affairs between the years 2012-2017, for his labor and we remember with reverence. For women and distance education, we hope to continue from the point 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. Uğur DEMIRAY, we all will always be proud of you and your work. Rest in peace.

