



### **On the Occasion of the 60th Anniversary of Prof. Dr. Kemal Husnu Can Baser**

Born on July 15, 1949 in Cankiri, Turkey. Graduated from the Eskisehir I.T.I.A. School of Pharmacy with diploma number 1 in 1972 and became a research assistant in the Pharmacognosy Department of the same school.

Did his Ph.D. in Pharmacognosy between 1974–1978 at Chelsea College of the University of London. Upon returning home, worked as a Lecturer in Pharmacognosy at the school he graduated from earlier, and served as the Director of Eskisehir I.T.I.A. School of Chemical Engineering between 1978–1980. Promoted to Associate Professorship in Pharmacognosy in 1981.

Served as Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy at Anadolu University (1993–2001), Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy (1982–1993), Head of the Department of Professional Pharmaceutical Sciences (1982–1993), Head of the Pharmacognosy Section (1982–ongoing), Member of the University Board and Senate [1982–2001; 2007–(Senate)], and Director of the Medicinal and Aromatic Plant and Drug Research Centre (TBAM) (1980–2002) in Anadolu University.

Between 1984–1994, appointed National Project Coordinator of Phase I and Phase II of the UNDP/UNIDO projects of the Government of Turkey titled “Production of Pharmaceutical Materials from Medicinal and Aromatic Plants,” through which TBAM was strengthened. Promoted to Full-Professorship in Pharmacognosy in 1987.

Since 1988, organized ten in-plant group training programmes entitled “*Training in the Utilization of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants in Pharmaceutical and Related Industries (TRUMAP)*” for the benefit of developing-country scientists, where 100 participants from 40 countries were trained. The programme was co-financed by the Government of Turkey and UNIDO (United Nations Industrial Development Organization).

1995 Recipient of the Distinguished Service Medal of IFEAT (International Federation of Essential Oils and Aroma Trades) based in London.

National point of contact for Asian Pacific Information Network of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (APINMAP) (1992–1997) and Useful Plants of the Mediterranean Network (MEDUSA) in Turkey (1996–2000).

Served as Member of the Turkish Pharmacopoeia Commission (1985–ongoing), Member of the Registration Commission for Plant Drugs at the Ministry of Health (1985–1992), Member of the No.11 Group of Experts of the European Pharmacopoeia Commission (1995–1999). Member of the 13B Group of Experts of the EP Commission (1999–ongoing). Member of the TCM Working Party of the EP Commission (2008–ongoing).

Served as Secretary-General of the International Council of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (ICMAP) between November 1997 and February 2003. In February 2003 in Chiang Mai (Thailand) elected as the Vice-President of ICMAP. In November 2008 at Cape Town, South Africa elected as the president of ICMAP.

Conducting R&D and training activities on rational utilization of the flora of Turkey. He has been implementing a project concerning the comprehensive screening of the flora of Turkey for new or potential sources of essential oils.

Appointed as a member of the Executive Committee of the Academy of Pharmacy of the Turkish Pharmacists' Association in 2006, and as its President in February 2008.

Organized over 20 scientific meetings since 1987. Among many other symposia and conference organizations, he is Co-Chairman of the biennial International Symposium on the Chemistry of Natural Compounds (SCNC) held alternately in Uzbekistan and Turkey since 1993.

Awarded the “Memorial Silver Medal” of the Scientific Partnership Foundation of Russia for promoting scientific partnership among young scientists and for his contribution to the development of science during the 5th International Symposium on the Chemistry of Natural Compounds (5th SCNC) held in May 2003 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Awarded “Academician Award” among the Pharmacy Awards 2004 held for the first time in Turkey in May 2004. Recipient of “Centennial Success in Career Award” of Rotary Turkey, 15 January 2005. Recipient of the first “Science Award” of the Academy of Pharmacy of the Turkish Pharmacists’ Association given in 2005. Recipient of “Science Award” (Health Sciences) of the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) in 2005 and other scientific awards...

His major areas of research include essential oils, alkaloids, and biological, chemical, pharmacological, (bio)technological, and biological activity research into natural products.

Published 531 papers in international refereed journals (372 in SCI journals), 102 papers in Turkish journals, and 134 papers in Conference Proceedings. His 253 articles were cited at least 1683 times (in May 2009, according to SCI). In general, his 406 articles were cited at least 2402 times. Communicated 738 papers in 197 symposia. Gave 34 conferences for different organizations and societies. Author of 41 books or book chapters and 19 project reports. Joint Editor of the 2nd supplement (Vol.11) to the Flora of Turkey and the East Aegean Islands of the late Prof. P. H. Davis (2000). Completed 16 research and 16 development projects. Three research projects including one FP6 project are being implemented by him. Member of 15 international and national scientific societies. Member of the Editorial Board of 15 scientific journals. Supervised 14 MSc and 10 PhD theses.

The scientific community and the Editorial Board congratulate Prof. Dr. Kemal Husnu Can Baser on the occasion of his 60th birthday and wish him good health, great success, and long years of further activity as a scientist and teacher.