



## In Memoriam: Prof. Dr. Yılmaz Emre (1957-2021)

This volume is dedicated to our editorial board member and colleague Prof. Dr. Yılmaz EMRE who was devoted to aquaculture, fisheries, marine and freshwater biology, and microplastics.



In Antalya, Turkey, on August 22, at the age of 64, Prof. Dr. Yılmaz EMRE, a scientist at the Faculty of Science at Akdeniz University, Turkey, passed away due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The departure of our colleague, who was a member of the editorial board of our journal, represents a major loss for the Turkish scientific community.

Dr. Yılmaz EMRE was born on February 1, 1957 in Şanlıurfa, Turkey. He graduated from Selçuk University, Faculty of Science and Arts (Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology, 1982). He obtained a Master of Science degree in Medical Biology at Selçuk University, Department of Medical Biology (at the Faculty of Medicine), 1987, and earned a Philosophy of Doctorate degree in Biology at Bursa Uludağ University, Department of Biology, 1992. He became a full professor in 2016.

He worked as a biologist in the Bursa Fisheries Regional Directorate (Turkey) between 1982-1985, Bursa Provincial Directorate (Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, Turkey) between 1985-1989, Antalya Kepez Fisheries Production Directorate between 1989-2003. He also served as a founding director at the Mediterranean Fisheries Research, Production and Training Institute (Ministry of Agriculture

and Forestry, Turkey) from 2005 to 2013. He worked as the Deputy General Manager of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Turkey) in 2016. He worked as the dean of the Faculty of Science at Akdeniz University between 2016-2017, and he worked as an academic at Akdeniz University from 2013 to 2021. He was the Turkey correspondent of the European Inland Fisheries Advisory Commission (EIFAC) (Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations) for seven years.

His main areas of interest were aquaculture, fisheries, marine and freshwater biology. He has published more than 130 original scientific papers, studies and reports. He shared his knowledge and scientific experiences with young researchers throughout his life and trained many young researchers. Therefore, Dr. Yılmaz Emre's passing created an unfillable void for his family, loved ones, and friends.

We would like to express the sadness of the loss of Dr. Yılmaz Emre, a great mentor and scientist. We hope that he enjoys a lovely and peaceful afterlife. Dr. Yılmaz Emre was also loved and will be respected by his worldwide academic family who will remain forever grateful.