



Biography of the President

Pr Masum Burak is President of the CIHEAM Governing Board since the 1st April of 2015.

He has a PhD from the Uludag University. He started his career in 1980 as a researcher and then Head of Department, Deputy Director and Acting Director at the Yalova Atatürk Central Horticultural Research Institute, until 2005. In 1993, he was awarded as Associate Professor by the Turkish Higher Education Council. Deputy Director General of Agricultural Research and Policies at the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock during one year and a half, he became Director General in October 2006.

Concerning his international activities, **Pr Masum Burak** was the President of CIHEAM Advisory Committee from 2009 to 2012. Since 2007, Masum Burak is the Delegate of Turkey in the FP 7 of European Union in Theme 2 (agriculture, food, fisheries and biotechnology) and in the Standing Committee for Agricultural Research of the European Union since 2008. Member of ExCo of Borlaug Global Rust Initiative and of the Advisory Board of the Turkish Scientific and Technological Council, he is also since 2010 member of Board of Trustees of ICARDA. Since 2013, he is Member of Board of EXPO 2016 in Antalya and Delegate of Turkey in Horizon 2020 of the European Union SC2 since 2014. At last, **Pr Masum Burak** is member of the International Society for Horticultural Science, of the Turkish Society for Horticultural Science and of the Chamber of Agricultural Engineers. He has authored about 100 publications in Turkish and English.

Pr Masum Burak is married and has two children. He speaks Turkish, English and French.

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