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Prof. Dr. Mustafa Verşan K k received his Bachelor’s degree in Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering from Middle East Technical University (METU) in 1983, followed by a Ph.D. from the same department in 1990. Upon completing his doctoral studies, he conducted postdoctoral research at CNRS–INSA de Lyon and ELF Petroleum in France. He has also held visiting research appointments at the University of Salford (UK), Karlsruhe University (Germany), Budapest University of Technology and Economics (Hungary), and CNRS–ICARE (France).

Between 2001 and 2006, Prof. K k served as an Advisor to the President of The Scientific and Technological Research Council of T rkiye (T B TAK). In this capacity, he was designated as the National Contact Point for Energy, Transport, and Environment within the EU’s 6th Framework Programme and contributed as a member of the Programme Committee in Brussels. He also chaired the Executive Committee of T B TAK’s Engineering Research Group.

Prof. K k’s scholarly contributions include over 214 publications in SCI-indexed journals, 86 international conference proceedings, and multiple book chapters. He has coordinated or participated in numerous national and international research projects, including four European Union Framework Programme projects. His publications have received more than 9,000 citations, with an h-index of 58.

Prof. K k has received several prestigious awards, including the T B TAK Incentive Award (1999), the Science Award of the Prof. Dr. Mustafa Parlar Foundation (2008), and the National Foundation for Development of Mining Award (2009). Prof. K k has supervised 36 M.Sc. and 9 Ph.D. theses to date.

Prof. K k was included in the “World’s Top 2% Most Influential Scientists” list published by Stanford University for four consecutive years (2021–2024) and ranked among the top 0.05% globally in ScholarGPS’s Highly Ranked Scholars index.

Prof. K k was elected as Dean of the Faculty of Engineering at Middle East Technical University (METU) in 2015 and served as Rector of METU from 2016 to 2024. In December 2024, Prof. K k was appointed as the founding Rector of the Turkish–Japanese Science and Technology University (TJU). Since 2017, Prof. K k has been a Principal Member of the Turkish Academy of Sciences. In April 2025, Prof. K k’s was appointed to the Presidential Council for Science, Technology and Innovation Policies of the Republic of T rkiye.