I am happy to share with you FENS Activity Report for the 2015-16 Academic Year. I would like to summarize some of the highlights, details can be found in this report.

FENS graduated 383 undergraduate, 123 masters and 30 doctoral students in this academic year. Computer Science and Engineering and Electronics Engineering Programs have been accredited by MÜDEK, the local accreditation association which is a member of Washington Accord. Accreditation applications of Industrial Engineering and Mechatronics Engineering Programs have been submitted and these Programs will be evaluated in 2016-17. We believe in the strength of the education we provide and the placement and success stories of our graduates are proofs of this. Accreditation is just another validation of the quality of education provided by FENS Programs.

Our strong research performance continued in 2015-16. As of June 2016, total budget of continuing research projects in FENS is about 70 million TL. FENS faculty members, post-docs and students continued to contribute to scientific knowledge by publications with high impact. As a result of all of these, they won prestigious awards and Sabancı University continued its good performance in national and international rankings.

Since the early Search Conferences we held in 2012, forming centers of excellence in concentration areas has been our goal. There has been a university-wide effort for setting the bylaws of center formation since then. Our goal has been realized in 2015-16, centers of excellence on composite technologies, data analytics and functional surfaces and interfaces have been started. Other new research collaborations were also started in 2015-16, such as the partnership with Fraunhaufer IML on logistics and with the Insurance Information and Monitoring Center on big data.

The saddest memory of 2015-16 was the loss of our Founding President Prof. Tosun Terzioğlu. Prof. Terzioğlu was not only a distinguished mathematician but was also an excellent administrator. He received various academic honors including the Science Award of TÜBİTAK (The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey) in 1986. He held many important administrative titles in his career, such as the Presidency of TÜBİTAK between 1992 and 1997. He was the founding President of Sabancı University in 1997, retired from Presidency in 2009 and became Emeritus Faculty Member afterwards.

The model he and his colleagues set up for our University was unique in Turkey, continues to be a pioneering example in Turkish higher education system and enables us to be a globally recognized institution. We will remember him with utmost respect and appreciation.

Yusuf Menceloğlu
Dean
Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences
HIGHLIGHTS

Search Conferences

The fourth Faculty Search Conference since 2012 was organized on Jan 12, 2016 with the purpose of discussing our outputs, achievements and improvement areas. Another goal was to prepare Faculty’s agenda for University’s broad search conference in 2016. Some of the prioritized targets at the end of the meeting were:

- Continue with excellent research performance, increase the output in already well-established areas through center of excellences.
- Increase the number of support staff in research: PhD students, post-docs, researchers.
- Increase involvement of undergraduate students in research, create incentives for this.
- Implement new approaches/methods in education.
- More emphasis on applied/hands-on education and means to achieve this such as foundation of a makerspace.
- Re-think evaluation of teaching performance in periodic reviews of faculty members.
- More feedback on education from all stakeholders: students, alumni, industry.
- Societal impact, transferring scientific thought to public through various mechanisms.

New Comers

Ehra Koca is a faculty member at Sabanci University since September 2015. She received her Ph.D. degree in Industrial Engineering at Bilkent University in 2015 where she worked with Prof. Hande Yaman and Prof. M. Selim Aktürk on different variations of the lotsizing problem encountered in many real life production, procurement and transportation systems. She received her B.S. and M.S. degrees in Industrial Engineering from Bilkent University in 2007 and 2010, respectively. In her M.S. thesis she studied with Prof. Emre Alper Yıldırım on different solution approaches to a real life logistics problem. Her research interests include mixed integer programming, stochastic optimization, conic optimization, and dynamic programming with applications in production planning and logistics.

Sinan Yıldırım is a faculty member of the Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences at Sabancı University, Turkey, since September 2015. He received his BSc and MSc degrees in Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Boğaziçi University, Turkey and his PhD in Mathematical Statistics, University of Cambridge. He worked as a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Bristol, School of Mathematics, where he was involved in the EPSRC-funded research project called Intractable Likelihood: New Challenges from Modern Applications (i-like). His work is focused on Bayesian Statistics and Monte Carlo methods. His current interests include developing novel Monte Carlo methods suitable for challenging statistical models due to big data, streaming data, or existence of high dimensional unknown parameters. He also works on data privacy in Bayesian framework.

Murat Kaya Yapıcı is a faculty member at Sabancı University and leads the Sabancı University Micro/Nano Devices & Systems Lab (SU-MEMS), he is also an affiliate faculty in the Department of Electrical Engineering at the University of Washington—Seattle, USA. Dr. Yapıcı received his B.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees in Electrical Engineering from Texas A&M University—College Station (TAMU) in 2004 and 2009, respectively. Upon completion of his Ph.D. he worked as a post-doctoral researcher in the Solid State Electronics, Photonics and Nano-Engineering Laboratory at TAMU, where his work involved large area synthesis, patterning and transfer of graphene; and development of micro acousto-optic devices for medical sensing and imaging. Later, he was a member of the technical staff at the Semiconductor Technologies Research Laboratory of the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey, where he engaged in the process development efforts on 0.25-m silicon-germanium (SiGe) BiCMOS HBT technology; as well as, process development, fabrication and yield improvement of silicon-based photodetectors which are now commercialized. From 2012 to 2016, he was a faculty member in the Department of Electrical Engineering at Khalifa University, Abu Dhabi where he established his research program and was awarded funding from agencies including the Semiconductor Research Corporation (SRC), North Carolina—USA, for multiple projects totalling ~ 1.1M USD as the principal investigator (PI) and Co-PI. Dr. Yapıcı has +10 years of active cleanroom work and experience on device fabrication. His research interests include MEMS/NEMS, nanotechnology, sensors/actuators, microfluidics, acousto-optic devices for biological and medical applications; as well as semiconductor process technology, novel nanofabrication based on scanning probes and integration of nanomaterials; MEMS with CMOS. He has expert knowledge on a broad range of microelectronic process technologies and nanofabrication techniques, characterization tools, operation and maintenance of clean room equipment, as well as constructing experimental setups like CVD chambers for carbon nanotube and graphene growth. He is a member of SPIE, IEEE and IEEE-Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society.
Sabancı University and Fraunhofer IML Collaboration

Sabancı University and Fraunhofer IML, one of Germany’s leading applied research centers, signed a Framework Agreement for Strategic Cooperation in Logistics. The international cooperation between Sabancı University and Fraunhofer Institute for Material Flow and Logistics will support Turkey’s logistics industry towards becoming a global logistics hub.

The signing ceremony of the framework agreement between Sabancı University and Fraunhofer Institute for Material Flow and Logistics was held at Sabancı University on November 27, 2015. The ceremony was hosted by Sabancı University President Professor Nihat Berker and attending were Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences Dean Professor Yusuf Menceloğlu, Fraunhofer IML Director Professor Michael Henke and Fraunhofer Institute Advisor Professor Mehmet Şükrü Tekbaş.

Logistics plays a great role in the foreign trade and economy of Turkey and bears great importance as a strategic area where all industries meet. Considering the recent growth in the logistics industry and Turkey’s 2023 goals to reach an export volume of USD 500 billion, a GDP of USD 2 trillion and becoming a global logistics hub, the cooperation between Sabancı University and Fraunhofer IML becomes even more significant.

The objective of the Sabancı University-Fraunhofer cooperation is to conduct safe, effective and sustainable logistics operations that will increase the competitive strength of Turkey and provide economic, social and environmental value to the society, develop models that will solve the issues of the logistics industry, and implement effective logistics applications.

The logistics expertise of Sabancı University focuses on supply chain network design, distribution and collection planning, disaster logistics, sustainable transport planning, and development of decision support mechanisms based on optimization methods. In addition, there are efforts on smart transport systems, use of clean fuel-powered vehicles in logistics, and research on energy logistics.

The cooperation also aims to establish new mechanisms for reinforcing university-industry partnerships, benefit from the methods and approaches developed by Fraunhofer Institute, and create value for the country by converting academic studies to tangible products and services.

Fraunhofer’s mission is to undertake applied research. The cooperation with Sabancı University will enable Fraunhofer to bring its logistics knowhow to Turkey, and contribute to the development of innovative projects and applications in the field.

The cooperation between the two institutions will be coordinated by Prof. Bülent Çatay from Sabancı University and Dr. Şevket Akinlar from Fraunhofer IML.

Nobel Laureate Scientist Aziz Sancar is at Sabancı University

2015 Nobel Prize Laureate in Chemistry Prof. Aziz Sancar gave a lecture titled “The mechanistic fundamentals of DNA repair” at Sabancı University on Thursday, May 26, 2016. Prof. Sancar presented his work of 35-years on how cells repair their damaged DNAs and retain their genetic information to Sabancı University students.

The work of the Turkish-American scientist Prof. Aziz Sancar, faculty member in the Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics at North Carolina University, has been utilizing in the development of new treatments for cancer.

MÜDEK Accreditation of CS and EE UG Programs

Computer Science and Engineering and Electronics Engineering Programs of the Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences have been accredited by MÜDEK as of 1 May 2016. MÜDEK (Association for Evaluation and Accreditation of Engineering Programs) is the only authorized association in Turkey for accreditation of engineering undergraduate programs.

MÜDEK accreditation acknowledges the suitability of our programs to high standards and expresses quality assurance. Accredited programs are eligible for “EUR-ACE Label” of the European Network for Accreditation of Engineering Education. MÜDEK is also a full member of Washington Accord, multi-party accreditation recognition agreement under the umbrella of International Engineering Alliance.

Industrial Engineering and Mechatronics Engineering Programs’ MÜDEK application was submitted on January 2016 and the evaluation process is continuing.

For the ongoing efforts and other details on accreditation, visit the [accreditation web page](#).
Center of Excellence in Composite Technologies Opens

The Center of Excellence in Composite Technologies established by Kordsa Global and Sabancı University with 100 million TRY of investment is the first of its kind in Turkey with its industry-academia-public partnership.

The Prime Minister Binali Yıldırım, Minister of Science, Industry and Technology Faül Özlü, PhD, Minister of Development Lütfi Elvan, Minister of Transportation, Maritime and Communication Ahmet Arslan and Minister of National Defence Fikri Işık attended the inauguration ceremony of the Composite Technologies Center of Excellence on August 20, 2016. The center, for which the ground was broken in December, 2014 in Istanbul Teknopark, is a joint venture of Kordsa Global and Sabancı University.

In the opening ceremony, Sabancı Holding Board of Directors and Sabancı University Founding Board of Trustees Chair Güler Sabancı stated “Composite Technologies Center of Excellence is a pioneer and an example model for Turkey.”

Composite Technologies Center of Excellence will be active in producing high-tech composite materials which created revolutions in many sectors from aviation to automotive. Sabancı University faculty members and students, and manufacturing engineers of Kordsa Global will work together in this center on the research and development, and manufacturing stages of composite materials which is regarded as the technology of the future.

For more information: http://imc.sabanciuniv.edu

Center of Excellence in Data Analytics Opens

The Sabancı University Center of Excellence in Data Analytics (CEDA) was inaugurated with an event on June 20, 2016 at the Sabancı University Sakıp Sabancı Museum.

In a meeting widely attended by academic and industry representatives, CEDA co-directors and Sabancı University faculty members Berrin Yanıkoğlu and Hasan Sait Öğuz discussed the objectives of the Center, gave examples from its projects, and referred to the Sabancı University Master’s in Data Analytics Program that began in 2014. In addition, Sabancı University faculty members İlker Birbil, Selim Balıçsoy and Kamer Kaya informed attendees about their current projects.

Companies in Turkey and across the world seek to mine big data and improve their processes, customer relations and other aspects. With the increase in data, the development of techniques that will make use and sense of big data in scientific research gains importance and becomes predominant in Computer and Industrial Engineering research endeavors.

CEDA aims to become a pioneering institution that will conduct scientific work in core fields as well as interdisciplinary projects, develop joint R&D initiatives with public and private partners, and arrange training seminars and workshops for all stakeholders in data analytics. Owing to the interdisciplinary structure of Sabancı University and the importance given to industrial projects, as well as the availability of a Master’s program, the center is in an ideal position.

For more information: http://ceda.sabanciuniv.edu/en
Center of Excellence for Functional Surfaces and Interfaces (EFSUN)
The center aims to address challenges in functional surfaces and interfaces through the usage of micron- and submicron sized systems exploiting the tools of medicine/molecular biology, material science, nano technology, nano/microfluidics and power generation.

Activities of the center require an in-depth understanding of molecular biology, genetics and biochemistry of diseases, omics approaches, clinical collaborations, chemistry and material fundamentals, surface and interface interactions, power generation in small scale along with targeted device design.

Research and development in EFSUN Center of Excellence consists of interdependent, collaborative, interactive and complementary activities of researchers who are world-class experts in their respective fields.

For more information: http://efsun.sabanciuniv.edu/

Insurance Information and Monitoring Center Cooperation

The cooperation agreement signed between Sabanci University and the Insurance Information and Monitoring Center (SBM) includes the implementation of the "Big Data Analytics to Detect Insurance Fraud" Project. The signing ceremony for the cooperation, which will be implemented within the Sabanci University Big Data Behavioral Analysis and Visualization Laboratory, took place on Friday, March 4, 2016 with the attendance of Sabanci University President Professor A. Nihat Berker and Insurance Information and Monitoring Center CEO Aydin Satici. Sabanci University

Big Data Behavioral Analysis and Visualization Laboratory Directors and Sabanci University faculty members Burcin Bozkaya and Selim Balcsoy were also present at the ceremony. The project will be implemented within Turkey’s first and only Big Data Behavioral Analysis and Visualization Laboratory founded by Sabanci University in association with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and the strategic partnership of Akbank under sponsorship by SAS, a global leader in business analytics software and services, and the largest independent solution provider in business intelligence. The project aims to prevent or substantially reduce insurance fraud, one of the largest costs in the insurance sector, by using big data analytics. The claims data and insured profiles kept by SBM, the data center of the industry, will be examined by various data mining methods to identify possibly fraudulent cases or individuals with a higher probability of committing fraud in order to take precautions on a central level. Mitigating fraud will contribute to the profitability of insurance companies, which in turn is expected to translate to lower insurance premiums for honest citizens.
Faculty Member Achievements

The interdisciplinary SUTAB (Sabancı University Tissue Ablating Bubbles) Project received the 2015 Elginkan Foundation Technology Award. The aim of the project is to integrate SUTAB, a patented device based on hydrodynamic cavitation, into an endoscopic device, testing it in medical applications and organizing the commercial design and development of the device while improving it for biomedical treatment. The project team consists of Sabancı University faculty members Ali Koşar, Asıf Şabanoviç, Devrim Gözüaçık and Mustafa Ünel and their postdocs and graduate students.

ME faculty member Ali Koşar received 2016 Sedat Simavi Science Award, with his study on “micro/nano scale heat transfer and fluid flow and providing experimental data and design guidelines for futuristic cooling and microfluidic system technologies.”

Mechatronics Engineering faculty member Ali Koşar received the “TOYP 2015-Ten Outstanding Persons of Turkey” Award, which constitutes the Turkish Finals of the “Ten Outstanding Young Persons Of the World” Award Programme. This program is organized by the Turkish branch of JCI- Junior Chamber International, and is one of the oldest social responsibility and social awareness projects of Turkey, in the Scientific Leadership category.

Mechatronics Engineering faculty member Ali Koşar received “Newton Fund” in the framework of Newton Research Collaboration Programme of Royal Academy of Engineering. He will collaborate with Prof. Sefiane of the University of Edinburgh in fundamental research on micro scale boiling heat transfer.

Mechatronics Engineering faculty member Ali Koşar is one of the recipients of the Young Scientist of the Year Award of Science Heroes Association due to his contributions to the science, spreading of science, and use of science for the benefit of society.

Industrial Engineering faculty member Bahattin Koç received the 2015 Elginkan Foundation Turkish Culture Research and Technology Award in the Technology category with his work on 3D bioprinting of tissues and organs.

Molecular Biology, Genetics and Bioengineering faculty member Batu Erman’s Research Group has been awarded a United Kingdom, Royal Society Newton International Exchanges Fellowship in collaboration with Prof. Erika Mancini of Oxford University, for a 2 year project entitled “Structure Determination of Transcription Factor Proteins Important for Cancer”.

FENS faculty members Cem Güneri (Mathematics), Ali Rana Atılgan (Industrial Engineering) and Kemal Kılıç (Industrial Engineering) received the 2015-2016 Graduating Class Teaching Award of Sabancı University.

Physics faculty member Emrah Kalemci was one of the recepients of the 1st Year Auditorium Courses Teaching Awards for 2015-2016 academic year.

Molecular Biology, Genetics and Bioengineering faculty member Devrim Gözüaçık was invited to serve as an Associate Editor of the Autophagy Journal.

Computer Science and Engineering faculty member Esra Erdem received BAGEP 2015 award of the Science Academy.

Electronics Engineering faculty member İiker Hamzaoğlu gave one of the three invited keynote speeches at the IEEE 11th International Conference on Design and Technology of Integrated Systems on April 2016 in İstanbul.

Molecular Biology, Genetics and Bioengineering faculty member İsmail Çakmak received The World Academy for Sciences 2016 Prize in Agricultural Sciences for his successful multinational projects in 12 countries and outstanding contribution to scientific literature in his field.

Promotions

12 Associate Profesors have been promoted to Professorship:

Ali Koşar, Mechatronics Engineering
Albert Levi, Computer Science and Engineering
Ayşe Berrin Yankoğu, Computer Science and Engineering
Banş Balçoğlu, Industrial Engineering
Batu Erman, Molecular Biology, Genetics and Bioengineering
Bülent Çatay, Industrial Engineering
Hans Frenk, industrial Engineering
Mahmut Aksit, Mechatronics Engineering
Özgür Erçetin, Electronics Engineering
Serhat Yeşilyurt, Mechatronics Engineering
Yücel Saygin, Computer Science and Engineering
Zafer Gedik, Physics

4 Assistant Professors have been promoted to Associate Professorship:

Deniz Sezer, Physics
Gözde İnce, Materials Science and Nano Engineering
Hüsnü Yenigün, Computer Science and Engineering
İnanç Adagideli, Physics
Mechatronics Engineering faculty member Meltem Elitaş, together with Anadolu Medical Center’s Surgery Specialist Tuğrul Tansuğ, presented their work titled “Continuous laparoscopic surgical stapler” at the 8th Surgery Research Congress held by the Turkish Surgery Society and won the first prize in the Invention Contest held during the conference.

Mechatronics Engineering faculty member Meltem Elitaş, together with Anadolu Medical Center’s Oncology Specialist Serdar Turhal, won the first prize in the 11th National Oncology Research Symposium with a project proposal titled “Design and production of a high-precision microfluid device to study the effects and tolerance of Sorafenib in liver cancer cases”.

Electronics Engineering faculty member Müjdat Çetin has been elected to the IEEE Image, Video, and Multidimensional Signal Processing Technical Committee (IVMSP TC). The purpose of the IVMSP TC is to promote and guide the advancement of the field of image, video, and multidimensional signal processing.

Energy Technologies and Management Professional Program’s coordinator and faculty member Umut Ekmeçči received a Special Jury Award from the Technology Development Foundation of Turkey, for his contribution to innovation management with the “National Nanotechnology Initiative”.

Yusuf Menceloglu and Burcu Saner Okan won the 2nd place award among 60 projects with their project titled “Graphene production by recycling plastic” in the Project competition about new technologies in automotive process and its use as a reinforcing and weight-reducing agent in automotive products.

The interdisciplinary I-POST (Identifying Public Opinion Shapers in Turkey) project, conducted by Emre Hatipoğlu (FASS), Burco Luetgert (FASS) and Yücel Saygin (FENS), won the “Golden Owl Award” under the Academic Owl category.

Mechatronics Engineering faculty member Volkan Patoğlu received BAGEP 2015 award of the Science Academy.

Electronics Engineering PhD student Mehdi Salehi Heydar Abad together with his co-authors D. Gündüz and Ö. Erçetin are awarded the Best Paper Award of the MAC and Cross-Layer Design Track at the IEEE Wireless Communications and Networking Conference (WCNC) 2016, for their paper titled “Energy harvesting wireless networks with correlated energy sources”.

Samet Zihir (BSEE, 2009; MSE, 2011) was a finalist at the paper competition at the 2016 IEEE International Microwave Symposium with his paper titled “A 60 GHz 64-element Phased-Array Beam-Pointing Communication System for 5G 100 meter Links up to 2 Gbps”.

R. Tuğçe Yazıcıgil (BSEE, 2009) received the Columbia University Electrical Engineering Collaborative Research Award for her inter-disciplinary PhD research work. Tuğçe is also selected to serve as an IEEE Solid-State Circuits Society Women in Engineering Initiative Committee member.

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Canan Dağdeviren (MSMAT, 2009) has been selected for Forbes 30 Under 30 in Science list.

Materials Science and Nanoeengineering PhD students Çağatay Yılmaz and Çağdaş Akalin won the first place in the Technology category of the TÜBİTAK University Entrepreneurship and Innovation Competition with their project titled “In-situ structural health monitoring of composite materials with embedded fiber optic sensors”.

Industrial Engineering PhD Student Danial Esmaeili and his partners founded G.A.K Soft, a software company working on educational technologies and teaching aid products.

Hilal Şenuysal (BSME, 2016)’s graduation project titled “Continuous Surgical Stapler”, has been accepted for the presentation at the 38th Annual International Conference of the IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society.

Kumsal Ayeş Tekirdağ (PhDBIO, 2015) receives the PhD Award of the Turkish Molecular Biology Association.

Student/Alumni Achievements
2015 Alumni Attending Graduate School

Barış Can Vural (BSCS, 2015), Vrije Universiteit Brussels, PhD Study
Barış Kendal Polat (BSCS, 2015), Hult University, MBA
Barış Süataç (BSME, 2015), Kyoto University, MS Study
Başak Tozlu (MSIE, 2015), HEC Montreal, PhD Study
Bilal Demir (BSEE, 2015), École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, PhD Study
Bilgesu Sezgin (BSEE, 2015), KU Leuven, MS Study
Burak Gür (BSBIO, 2015), Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, MS Study
Büke Bicioğlu (BSIE, 2015), Queen Mary University of London, MS Study
Büşra İşbilen (BSIE, 2015), Tilburg University, MS Study
Cengizhan Dömmez (BSIE, 2015), University of Edinburgh, MS Study
Ebrar Özkalay (BSME, 2015), Deft University of Technology, MS Study
Gamze Tillem (MSCS, 2015), Delft University of Technology, PhD Study
Keren Çetiner (BSIE, 2015), University of Warwick, MS Study
Kerem Onat (BSMAT, 2015), University of California, Berkeley, MS Study
Kousar Aslam (MSCS, 2015), Eindhoven University of Technology, PhD Study
Liana Behmoiras (BSBIO, 2015), Brandeis University, PhD Study
Mehmetali Kulunyar (BSIE, 2015), New York University, MS Study
Mehmet Özcan Sardoğan (BSME, 2015), University College London, MS Study
Melih Güldoğuş (BSME, 2015), KTH Royal Institute of Technology, MS Study
Mesut İnç (MSEE, 2015), Technische Universität Berlin, PhD Study
Nil Şahin (BSBIO, 2015), University of Toronto, PhD Study
Sarmad Ahmed Shaikh (MSEE, 2015), National University of Singapore, PhD Study
Sarp Kafescioğlu (BSIE, 2015), EAE Business School, PhD Study
Ömer Coşkun (BSME, 2015), University of Essex, MS Study
Umut Gönülkırımaz (BSIE, 2015), University of Warwick, MS Study
Vildan Bayram (MSMAT, 2015), University of Manchester, PhD Study
Zeynep Hatun (BSIE, 2015), Deft University of Technology, PhD Study

Alumni in Postgraduate Positions

Ahmet Batal (PhDMATH, 2014), İzmir Institute of Technology, Department of Mathematics, Assist. Prof.
Andaç Hamancı (PhDED, 2013), Yeditepe University, Biomedical Engineering Department, Assist. Prof.
Cengiz Örencik (PhDCS, 2014), Beykent University, Faculty of Engineering and Architecture, Assist. Prof.
Ceren Özek (BSBIO, 2010), Harvard Medical School, Post-doc Fellow
Halil Şen (PhDIE, 2015), INRIA, France, Post-doc Fellow
İdil Ülengin (BSBIO, 2009), Stanford University, Post-doc Fellow
Ozan Tokatlı (PhDME, 2015), University of Reading, Post-doc Fellow
R. Tuğçe Yazıcıgil (PhDBIO, 2015), Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Yeshiva University, New York, Post-doc Fellow
Rüştü Umut Tok (PhDME, 2015), University of California, Los Angeles, Post-doc Fellow
Saadet Zahir (BSEE, 2009; MSEE, 2011), University of California, San Diego, Post-doc Fellow
Sibel Şahin (PhDMATH, 2014), Université Toulouse III – Paul Sabatier, Post-doc Fellow
Tarik Uzunovic (PhDME, 2015), University of Sarajevo, Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Assist. Prof.
Uraz Cengiz Türker (PhDCS, 2014), Gebze Technical University, Department of Computer Engineering, Assist. Prof.

FENS Excellence in Teaching Award

Our outstanding graduate students received their certificates to acknowledge their teaching achievements in 2015-2016 Academic Year.
The Recipients, their programs and the courses they supported are as follows:

Dicle Yağmur Özdemir, MSIE student, IE 305 - Simulation
Ezgi Demirel, MSCS student, CS 201 - Introduction to Computing
Özgün Elç, MSIE student, IE 301 - Deterministic Models in Operations Research
Sonya Javadi Khatab, PhDIE student, IE 302 - Stochastic Models in Operations Research
Yunus Akkoç, PhDIE-UG student, BIO 306 - Microbiology & BIO 301 - Introduction to Molecular Biology
Güresel Sönmez Awards

Our colleague Dr. Güresel Sönmez tragically passed away in 2006. In his short but brilliant academic life, he made important contributions to science. In order to commemorate his achievements and to inspire and encourage young scientists, an award is presented each year to selected graduate students of FENS who write distinguished MS or PhD theses. The selection process is pursued at the end of each academic year, by the Güresel Sönmez Award Committee formed by faculty members representing each program. The awards are determined upon reaching a full consensus within the Committee, after very detailed and rigorous evaluation of all applications. The following students are the recipients of the Güresel Sönmez Research Award in 2015-2016.

Beyza Vuruşaner received PhD degree in Molecular Biology, Genetics and Bioengineering with a thesis titled “Survival signals induced by cholesterol oxidation by products in atherosclerosis” under supervision of Hüveyda Başağa. Beyza’s work during her Ph. D. has contributed significantly to the advancement of oxidative stress signaling and reactive oxygen control in cells. Lipid oxidation is a very important phenomenon that has implications in development of serious human diseases including cancer, Alzheimer’s disease and atherosclerosis. She will continue as a Post-Doctoral Researcher at Institute of Engineering and Natural Sciences, Sabancı University.

Jamal Seyyed Monfared Zanjani received PhD degree in Materials Science and Engineering with a thesis titled “Novel design and manufacturing of advanced multifunctional structural nanocomposites containing self-healing fibers and graphene sheets with structural health monitoring capabilities” under supervision of Mehmet Yıldız and Burcu Saner Okan. He worked in the field of composite material development and structural health monitoring. During his stay at Sabancı University, he actively conducted research in synthesis and characterization of different carbon based nanomaterials and their effect in different polymeric matrices that are used in composites. He will continue as a Post-Doctoral Researcher at Institute of Engineering and Natural Sciences, Sabancı University.

Nima Tofighi received PhD degree in Mechatronics with a thesis titled “Development of an incompressible smoothed particle hydrodynamics method for electrohydrodynamics of immiscible fluids and rigid particles” under supervision of Mehmet Yıldız. During his PhD research in Sabancı University, Nima has made noteworthy contributions to numerical solutions of complex viscoelastic flow problems with smooth particle hydrodynamics (SPH) method. In particular, he developed a general incompressible approach to overcome the accuracy issues of the SPH methods efficiently and applied this approach successfully to fluid-solid interactions of Newtonian and non-Newtonian fluids, electrohydrodynamics, multiphase flows and the motion of rigid bodies in stationary fluids under external forces such as the gravity and the electric field. He will continue as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Mechanical Engineering Department of The University of Victoria in Canada.

This year, as the 10th anniversary of Dr. Güresel Sönmez’s loss, the Award Committee organized a poster day for the announcement of the awards. All applicants as well as a large number of FENS faculty and graduate students attended this event, where a presentation was made by Güresel Sönmez’s colleagues, introducing him and his works to the younger generations of students. Gathering continued with presentation of some of the former awardees and their career paths. At the end, all applicants of this year were acknowledged by presenting a certificate for planting a tree by a donation to TEMA foundation on their behalf, in the memory of Dr. Güresel Sönmez, and the winners of this year were announced. After the announcement of the awards, all attendees enjoyed the poster session, where the award applicants presented their work to each other and the entire faculty.

Information about Dr. Güresel Sönmez Awards and winners can be found at: https://fens.sabanciuniv.edu/en/awards/dr-gursesel-sonmez-research-award

Sakıp Sabancı Award for the Highest Ranking Undergraduate Student

Barza Nisar graduated from the Mechatronics Engineering Program. She will pursue Master degree in Robotics, Systems and Control at ETH Zurich in Fall 2016-17.

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**Staff Profile (Numbers)**

- Professors: 41
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- TOTAL NUMBER OF FULL-TIME FACULTY MEMBERS: 91
- Post-docs: 53
- Full-time instructors: 3
- Researchers: 13
- Research Assistants: 6
- Executive & Professional Staff: 24
EDUCATION

FENS offers undergraduate degrees in 6 disciplines, graduate degrees in 9 disciplines and minor honor programs in 4 disciplines:

- Computer Science and Engineering (BS-MS -PhD)  
  http://cs.sabanciuniv.edu/
- Electronics Engineering (BS-MS -PhD)  
  http://ee.sabanciuniv.edu/
- Industrial Engineering (BS-MS -PhD)  
  http://ie.sabanciuniv.edu/
- Manufacturing Engineering (MS-PhD)  
  http://mfg.sabanciuniv.edu/
- Materials Science and Nano Engineering (BS-MS -PhD)  
  http://mat.sabanciuniv.edu/
- Mechatronics (BS-MS -PhD)  
  http://me.sabanciuniv.edu/
- Molecular Biology, Genetics and Bioengineering (BS-MS -PhD)  
  http://bio.sabanciuniv.edu/
- Chemistry (minor BS)  
  http://chem.sabanciuniv.edu/
- Energy (minor BS)  
  http://energy-minor.sabanciuniv.edu/en
- Mathematics (minor BS-MS-PhD)  
  http://math.sabanciuniv.edu/
- Physics (minor BS-MS-PhD)  
  http://chem.sabanciuniv.edu/

Professional Graduate Programs

- Data Analytics  
  http://chem.sabanciuniv.edu/
- Energy Technologies and Management  
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Facts and Figures

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Declarations in 2015-2016 Academic Year

| Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences | 515 | 66 % |
| School of Management                     | 133 | 17 % |
| Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences       | 133 | 17 % |
| **TOTAL**                                 | **781** | **100** % |
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