

## To the Memory of Professor Aydın İşçimen

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Professor Aydın İşçimen passed away on October, 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011. He flew from his home, Department of Dermatology and Venereology of Cerrahpaşa Medical School, to where he dedicated all his energy and ambition and used to be the only place he undoubtedly want to be, to eternal life.

He was a very special person for everyone who recognized him, but more than that he was a great friend, always ready to listen and understand other people, and sensitive to their problems. He was an ambitious investigator, and a determined hardworker on the way of his decisions and practices. He had sense of humor and enjoyed himself in arguments and matters.

Professor İşçimen was born in Ankara, in 1958. He graduated from Cerrahpaşa Medical School, in 1982 and worked as a general practitioner in East Anatolia until 1985 just when he succeeded to be a resident in the Department of Dermatology and Venereology of Cerrahpaşa Medical School. He was remarkably energetic since he loved to be in this special place. He took place in multidisciplinary group for Behçet's Disease and spent effort to attain knowledge to effectuate his original work. He actually succeeded and was awarded for his original study, entitled "A New Method Which Enables a Constant Depth of Puncture in the Application of Pathergy Test", in 1991.

He was an active member of board of the Society of Dermatology and Venereology and co-editor of the *Turkish Journal of Dermatology and Venereology* (TURKDERM) until 1997.

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He became an associate professor in 1998, and professor in 2004.

He installed the Cryosurgery Unit of the Department of Dermatology and Venereology and took part in the Venereology clinic of the Department.

He was too young to decease, whilst his labor for current construction of the clinic is of great appreciation, will remain too far from dying.

However we will miss you, you are still with us, dear friend.



**Figure 1.** Professor Aydın İşçimen (1958-2011)