

**OBITUARY**  
**PROF. DR. SELAHATTİN KADİR**



Dear Members of the Clay Community,

We are deeply saddened to share the news of the early passing of Prof. Dr. Selahattin Kadir on March 27, 2025, a retired lecturer from the Department of Geological Engineering at the Eskişehir Osman Gazi University. He has been our esteemed colleague who made valuable contributions to his University through his dedication to the academic development of his students and as an hard working and effective administrator.

Prof. Dr. Selahattin Kadir is one of the founder member and a long term devoted executive committee member of the Clay Science Society. He served for many years to ensure our Society's success to achieve its goals effectively.

He is a Professor of Mineralogy and Petrography who holds a B.Sc. degree in geology from the Karadeniz Technical University, an M.Sc. from Ankara University, and a Ph.D. from Selçuk University. He joined the Phelps Dodge Corporation (1985–1987) for the advanced feasibility study of Kuruko-type Massive Sulphide Orebody Project, the Parsons Brinckerhoff International, Inc. (1987–1989) for motorway geological surveying Project, and the General Directorate of Mineral Research and Exploration of Turkey (1990–2004) as an exploration/research geologist. He is employed by the Eskişehir Osmangazi University (ESOGU) since 2004 as an academic staff member of the Department of Geological Engineering. He has served as the Director of the Technological Research Center of the ESOGU (2010–2014) and Chairman of the Department of Geological Engineering between 2015- 2024.

He built his research career mainly on mineralogical and geochemical characteristics, and genesis of hydrothermal and diagenetic kaolinite, bentonite, and sepiolite-palygorskite deposits/occurrences, lateritic-weathering-related Ni-Co deposits, and alterations in massive sulphide ores and gold deposits. He is also working on the interdisciplinary aspects of the mineralogy, geochemistry, and genesis of calcretes, dolocretes, huntites, magnesites, paleosols, and evaporites in sediments and soils. His research topics include the relationship between asbestos and development of potential mesothelioma cases. Selahattin has managed and successfully completed numerous scientific projects. He has published more than 70 peer-reviewed papers (SCI), 7 International Book Chapters, and 80 International conference oral presentations.

Prof. Dr. Selahattin Kadir was the Secretary of Euroclay 2011 (Antalya) and serving as an Associate Editor of Clays and Clay Minerals since 2011. As a Guest Editor, he has organized two special issues on the Pedology and Morphology/Micromorphology of Soils for Euroclay 2011 and Eurosoil 2016 in the Turkish Journal of Earth Sciences and Catena-Elsevier, respectively. He acted as Member of The Clay Minerals Society (USA) – Source Clays Committee (2016–2017) and – Program Development Committee and an Associate Editor of the Clays and Clay Minerals Journal .He was the Conference General Chair of the “ AIPEA-17th International Clay Conference, 25-29 July, 2022 in İstanbul” , co-organized by The Clay Science Society (Türkiye) and The Clay Minerals Society (USA).

We extend our sincere condolences to his grieving family and the entire Clay Community.

Best regards.

On behalf of The Clay Science Society

Prof. Dr. Asuman Günel Türkmenoğlu