
Dear colleagues and distinguished guests,

On behalf of Bogazici University, It is my unique privilege to welcome all you to "the international conference on particle physics 'in memoriam' Engin Arık and her colleagues."

Almost a year ago we lost our colleagues, students and friends in a very unfortunate plane accident near Isparta. They were flying there to attend a workshop to participate in the continuing work on the design of the TURKISH ACCELERATOR CENTER. They were students and senior scholars from the Physics Department of our University and Dogus University. They had come together to work on the Turkish Accelerator Project and in two CERN experiments, ATLAS and CAST.

Among the six scientists we lost, three of them were affiliated with the Bogazici University Physics Department and the fourth was a graduate student in Bogazici University Institute of Biomedical Engineering while working at Dogus University as a teaching assistant.

Prof. ENGIN ARIK was a world-wide known scientist working on experimental High Energy Physics. She had been a member of the Physics Department since 1979. She had worked in experiments at leading world laboratories over the years; experiments covering subject areas such as spin physics, neutrino physics, dark

matter, accelerator physics, LHC physics. She was an extremely hardworking, motivated and dedicated scholar. She was often in her lab from the early morning hours until late at night. She looked after her students as if they were her own children while pushing them hard for their own benefit and higher achievement. Physics department and the university named her laboratory after her and will undertake every effort to enhance and sustain it for the joint use of our CMS and ATLAS groups.

ÖZGEN BERKOL DOĞAN was Prof. Arık's Ph.D. student. He was a graduate of Robert College, and he did his under-graduate study at our university in Physics. His M.S. degree was also from Bogazici University and he was working for his Ph.D. in the CAST experiment. I am sure the distinguished spokesperson of the CAST collaboration will corroborate me on his being an active member of the collaboration. I was told that he was one of the key persons in the CAST experiment.

ENGİN ABAT was a graduate student working for his M.S. degree in Physics. He was also working with Prof. Arık in the ATLAS experiment. He was always ready to give help to his friends and do some useful work in the department with a high sense of responsibility. He had great ambitions and dreams.

MUSTAFA FİDAN was helping Prof. Arık and her group in their research while studying for his M.S. degree in Biomedical Engineering in our

University. He was employed by Dođuş University as a teaching assistant. He was part of the Dođuş group participating in the CAST collaboration and the Turkish Accelerator Project.

We mourn for the loss of our dear friends, colleagues and students - ENGİN ARIK, ÖZGEN BERKOL DOĞAN, ENGİN ABAT, AND MUSTAFA FİDAN FROM BOGAZİCİ UNİVERSİTY; FATMA ŞENEL BOYDAĞ AND İSKENDER HİKMET FROM DOGUS UNİVERSİTY.

We are grateful to all of you for joining us in remembering them.

I would like to open our joint conference with Dogus University and once again welcome you all.
