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THE FOUNDATION FOR RESEARCH IN ISLAMIC SCIENCES

وقف دراسات العلوم الاسلامية



ay: Are those equal, those
who know and those who don't
know?

It is those who are endued with
understanding that receive
admonition.

Zumar (the Crowds 39/9)

Allah takes the knowledge away from the people not by stamping out the knowledge from men's heart or mind but He does it by depriving them of the scholars. When there are no more scholars, people appoints ignorants in authority to take advice on matters of opinion, as they give a decision out of ignorance on a matter of canon law, they cause others go astray while they are gone astray themselves

(Bukhari, 'ilim, 34)

As narrated by Abu Hurairah (r.a) the prophet Mohammad (Pbuh) said: "when a man dies his records of good deeds are ceased and desisted save three deeds which continue to acquire Divine recompense hereafter: "A charity that continues to acquire merit, usefull knowledge and an offspring who does good-deeds and pray for his forefathers

(Muslim, Wasiyyah, 14)

"Prophet Muhammed (pbuh) said: When Allah the Most High wishes to elevate community, He increases the number of scholars and decreases the number of ignorants. In such a society, when a scholar speaks he will be listened to and supported, but when an ignorant speaks, he will be despised. Inversely, when Allah Teâlâ wishes to degrade a community, He increases the number of ignorants and decreases the scholars. In such a society, when an ignorant person speaks, he will find supporters for himself but when a scholar speaks they ridicule him."

(Jam'i al-Sağhir)



Introduction

The Foundation for Research in Islamic Sciences (ISAV) was founded by a group of businessmen and academicians in 1970. Since its foundation, ISAV has set to work in order to find solutions to the existing problems and matters which mainly concern our nation, anal the Muslim world as awhole; With the help of Allah, we hare been able to support distinguished scholars, thinkers and researchers whom we needed and particularly to provide them with ways and means to conduct their academic work about Islamic issves and to present their rfindings to the public.

The Foundation, for the realisation of its goal, organizes symposiums nationally and internationally and later, these papers and discussions are published in a book and are ultimately presented the public use.

This Fondation does not belong only fo the place where it is located or to the nation who created it, but to the whole world of science anal knowledge. Consegently, our institute keeps its doors open to every individual and every establishment working in the same area, regardless of their identities, and is always ready to cooperate with them on any academic field and also is prepared to accept any contriutions and support, whether it is material, spiritual, or scientific.

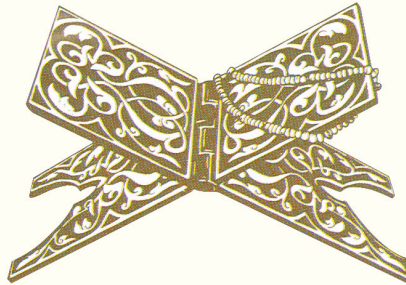
Our foundation has the honor of being the first organization set up within its Field to carry on research on academic issues. It seems as though it has not been attained to our muslim people to express sufficiently the importance and the role of the scientists for the future of a nation with that

the number of fellow organizations has not yet reached to a satisfactory level. And yet, recently we have seen some foundations were being set up that try to build up establishments and support scientists or protect those who are in search of knowledge. That causes to increase our hopes for the future.

Our foundation, among others, have been specialized in arranging national and international symposiums. Within the last twenty five year, despite many difficulties, it realized fiftyone symposiums twelve of which are international. In each of these meetings, a matter which concerns our people in particular and the whole muslim world in general has been explored. The issues hare bean dissunssed in all respects by the scholars concerned. The outcome of the research is presentead asa a paper by each scholar which later discussed by nother scholars.

In addition to these, our foundation has been arranging some countrywide speciality groups attended by specialists in their own area and the papers prepared are discussed or reviewed by other competent scholars. All the minutes of the meeting are gathered in a book for publication.

This brochure is prepared in order to introdunce our forndstion anal to inform interested people about the subject matters of the meetings wehare organized.



Objectives of the Foundation

❁ To support valuable scholars, thinkers and researchers in Islamic disciplines; to provide working conditions and facilities for them particularly; and to help them conduct research in the field of Islamic sciences;

❁ To set up research centers in order to support researchers, set up libraries, sponsor scholars to travel abroad in order to do research, grant scholarships for research.

❁ To establish relations with academic organizations abroad, organize seminars both nationally and internationally, congresses and conferences; to send researchers to the academic meetings abroad.

❁ To set up educational and training centers at all levels, non-profit higher educational institutions and some other units affiliated to them, to grant scholarships to those who are doing their undergraduate and doctorate studies.

❁ To publish academic studies, organize book- shows and open book stores, to open print houses, and publish newspapers, magazines and other literary materials.

❁ To evaluate both national and international research on Islamic. Those deemed important shall be translated into Turkish and then be published. To publish all the papers of symposiums organized by the foundation by transliting them into other foreign languages.

❁ To identify the influence and the role which Islamic scholars played in the formation up and promotion of today's civilization.



Brief History of the Foundation

The Foundation for Research in Islamic Sciences was founded in 1970 by 48 businessmen and scientists. Through the official registration was numbered: 1970/750 and dated: 20.OCT. 1970, the foundation was registered in and announced in Official Gazette on 7 AUG 1971, thus starting its activities at the address: İstanbul, Laleli, Ordu Cd. No: 210/2.

As the Foundation did not have a sagarate office building, activities were carried out in different addresses from 1976 to 1985. we used to lease spaces to house ourselves, but they were not very suitable for our functions. We finally purchased a five story building at Fatih Kızıtaşı Kamilpaşa Sk. No. 7.

To facilitate and to expedite the work conducted by the researchers, our foundation supplied a sufficient number of computers to put them into the service of the researchers.



Organizational Chart of the Foundation

A- Board of Founders

B- Board of Trustees

C- Board of Inspectors

A- BOARD OF FOUNDERS

Board of Founders are formed chosen by the people who had donated real estate and are also the signatories of the charter.

NAMES OF THE FOUNDERS

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11. Avni İman
12. Bekir Sadak
13. Cemalettin Yavaşca
14. Emin Saraç

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- Ahmet Topbaş
Sami Erdem
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1. Hamdi İshakoğlu
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- Mustafa Kalaycıoğlu
- Selçuk Berksan
- Tarık Sadak

* According to the tenor of the charter, the first founders should designate their successor after they die by putting the name in a closed envelope. In compliance with that, in place of a deceased founder a successor was chosen by the board of founders.

15. H. Hilmi Kurtulmuş
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38. Ömer Kirazoğlu
39. Ömer Lütü Çulha
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42. Sabri Özpala
43. Sabri Ülker
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Raşit Küçük

Necati Runyun

Abdülaziz Bayındır

Halis Ayhan
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B- ORGANIZATIONAL CHART OF THE FOUNDATION

Board of Trustees consists of seven people chosen by the Board of Founders and take all kinds of decisions to fulfill the objectives of the Foundation and carry on activities.



The members of Trustees (From left), Bekir Sadak, Mehmet Uzun, Mehdi Sungur, Prof. Dr. Salih Tuğ, Ahmet Yıldız, Prof. Dr. Ali Özek, Prof. Dr. Abdülaziz Bayındır, Mustafa Kalaycıoğlu, Sabri Özpala) (1989).



The members of Trustees (From left), Prof. Dr. Ali Özek, Prof. Dr. Salih Tuğ, Prof. Dr. Mustafa Köseoğlu, Mehdi Sungur, Prof. Dr. Bedreddin Çetiner, Sabri Özpala, Ahmet Yıldız) (2001).



The members of Trustees (From left), soldan sağa: Sabri Özpala, Ahmet Yıldız, Prof. Dr. Ali Özek, Prof. Dr. Bedreddin Çetiner, Mehdi Sungur, Prof. Dr. Mahmut Kaya) (2007).

C- BOARD OF INSPECTORS

They are chosen from among the members of the Board of Founders and they carry on inspections from every standpoint.

The current Board of Inspectors are constituted of Avni İman and H.Hilmi Kurtulmuş.

THE SECRETARIAT OF THE FOUNDATION



Dr. İsmail KURT



Seyit Ali TÜZ

The Secretariat of The Foundation

I- SYMPOSIUM

Because our Foundation is a scientific research institute, it has concentrated its overall activities on area of science. But, our Foundation has also been giving support to the projects and research which try to find solutions to the problems encountered in social life, keeping in view the solutions that Islam brought to the problems of daily life. Along with that, the Foundation supports research according to the changing conditions of life.

The subjects desired to be researched by the Board of Trustees are reviewed under the supervision and coordination of a academician. In relation with the subject chosen, the prominent scholars from all over the world are asked to prepare a paper. In order to discuss all the papers on a scientific base, symposiums are organized. The papers are then put in the process of being perfected by the criticisms and supplementary standpoints of other academicians.

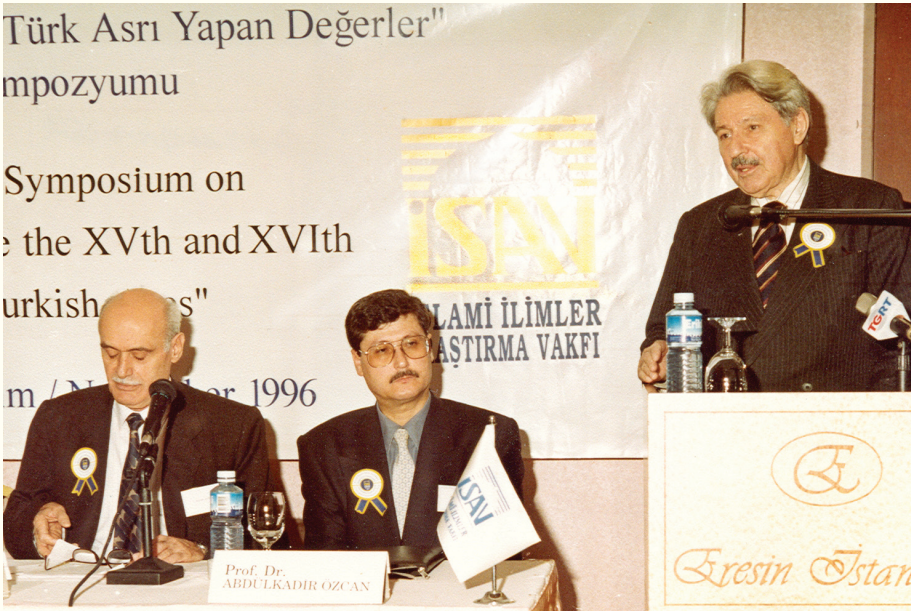
Our Foundation has been specialized in arranging symposiums at the national and international levels and by overcoming many difficulties and challenges, the Foundation has been successful to realize 15 symposiums within the last twenty-five years 12 of which are international. At the end of the discussions, all the papers are put together and published in a book.

For the symposiums organized so far, our Foundation invited a great number of scholars. From around the world who are specialist in their own field.

Some Photographs Taken During Symposiums



(From left) Doç. Dr. İlhan Şahin, Prof. Dr. Ekmeleddin İhsanoğlu,
Prof. Dr. Ali Özek, Prof. Dr. Abdülkadir Özcan



(From left) Prof. Dr. Ali Özek, Prof. Dr. Abdülkadir Özcan ve
toplantının sponsoru Aydın Bolak.



(From left) Prof. Dr. M. Akif Aydın, Prof. Dr. Mustafa Fayda, Prof. Dr. Ali Bardakoğlu



(From left) IRCICA Pred. Prof. Dr. Ekmeleddin İhsanoğlu,
İSKİ General Director Veysel Eroğlu



From the symposium held in 2004 (The sunnis in the past and at present)



(From left) Doç. Dr. İsmail Safa Üstün, Âyetullah Vâizzâde Horasânî, Prof. Dr. M. Saim Yeprem, Doç. Dr. İlyas Üzümlü.



From the meeting held in 2005 (Family of our times)



Panelist from Turkich Republics



(From left) Prof. Dr. Mehmet Erdoğan, Prof. Dr. Suat Yıldırım, Prof. Dr. Fahreddin Atar, Doç. Dr. Tahsin Görgün.



(From left) Prof. Dr. Alpaslan Açıkgenç, Prof. Dr. Suat Yıldırım, Prof. Dr. Teoman Duralı



(From left) Doç. Dr. M. Akif Kılavuz, Prof. Dr. M. Akif Karan, Prof. Dr. Mustafa Köylü



From the meeting of "The period of senility and its problems"

Some Photographs From the Meetings of Specialists



Specialists meeting(2004) on "The methodology in sufism (Islamic Mysticism)"



The participants of the meeting(2004) "The methodology in Islamic History"



The participants of meeting(2004) on “The problem of Methology in History of Religion”



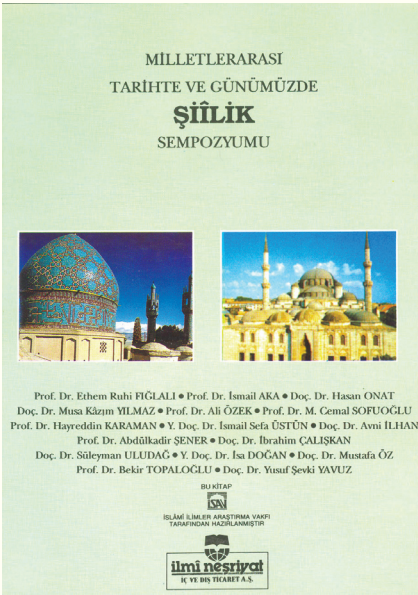
The participants of speciality meeting (2004) on “The problem of Methology in History of Economics”

II- PUBLISHING ACTIVITIES

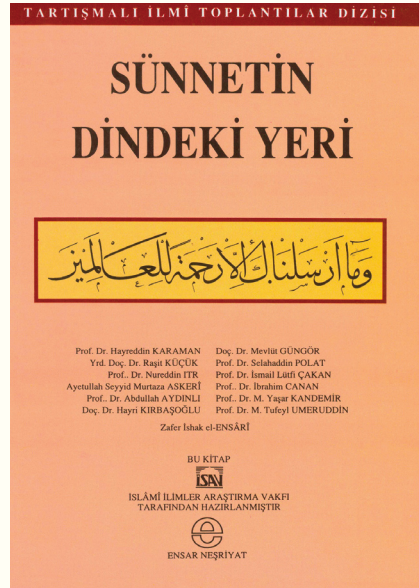
A- A SERIES OF INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUMS

Our Foundation, because of the rapid changes and developments, tries, ahead of time to determine the problems which our nation might face, study these problems and finally to publish the proposed solutions.

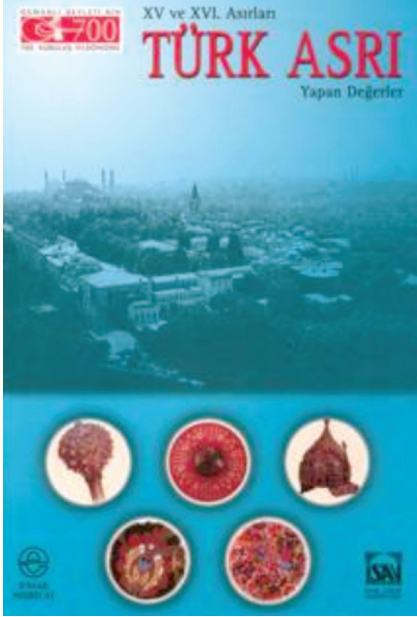
Up to this day, the Foundation realized 12 international symposiums. Following are the books published right after the above mentioned meetings.



"Shiism in the past and at present"
The meeting was held on the 13-15
February, 1993



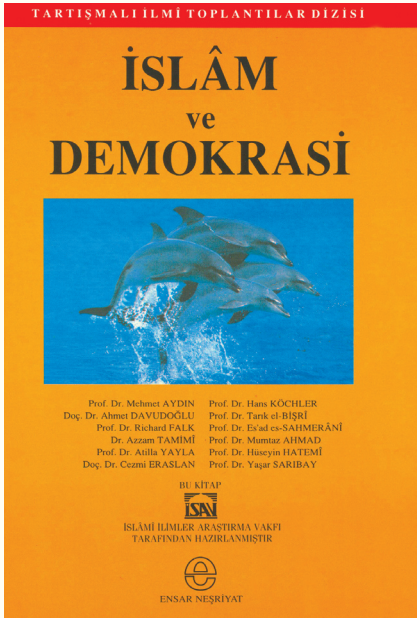
"The place of Sunna in Religion"
The meeting was held on the 18-20
November, 1995



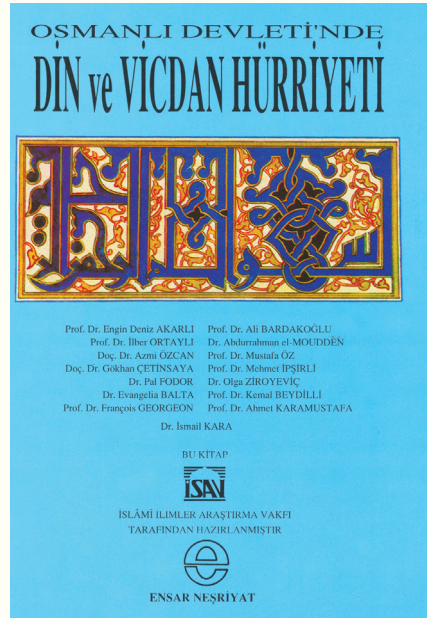
"The Values that made the 15th and 16th Centuries as Turkish age"
The meeting was held on 09-11 November, 1996



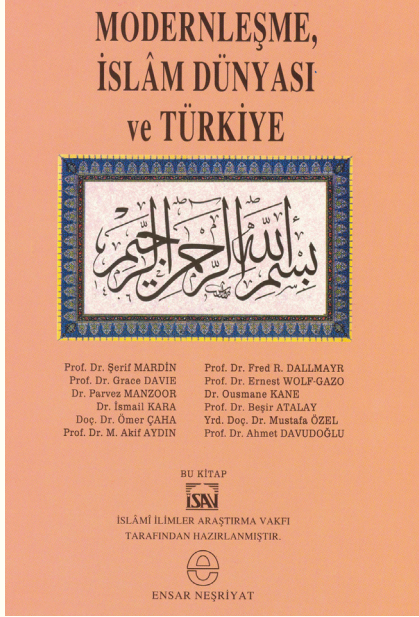
"Alawies, Bektashies,
Nusairies Living in Turkey"
21-23 November, 1997



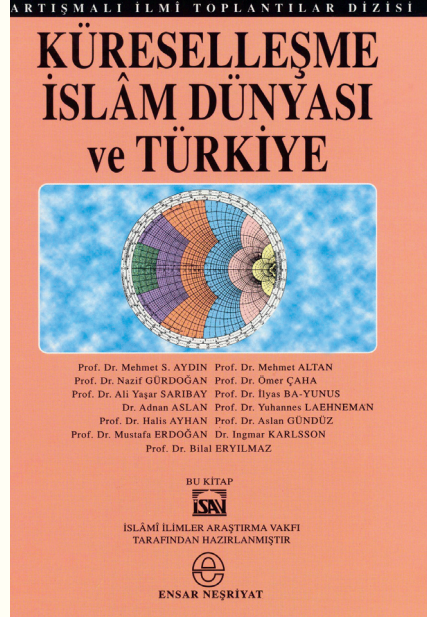
"Islam and Democracy"
The meeting was held on the 27-29 November, 1998



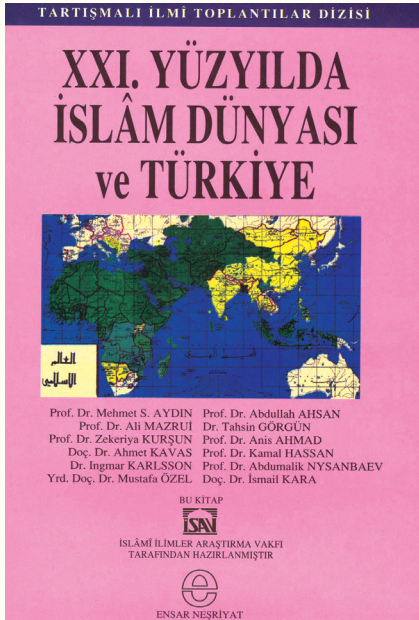
"Freedom of Religion and Conscience
During Ottoman Period"
The meeting was held on the 26-28 November, 1999



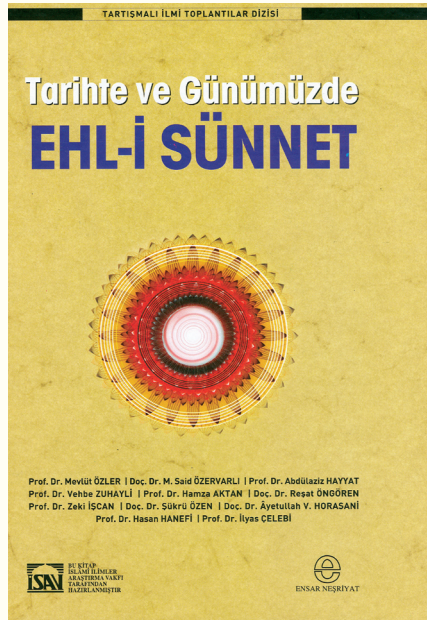
**“Modernization, Islamic World
and Turkey”**
The meeting was held on 17th
19 November, 2000



**“Globalization, Islamic World
and Turkey”**
The meeting was held on 09th
11 November, 2001



**“Islamic World and Turkey in the XV and
XVI Centuries”**
The meeting was held on 28th
30 March, 2003



“Sunnis in the past and at present”
The meeting was held on 03th
05 December, 2004



"Family Life"
The meeting was held on 02^{thru}
04 December, 2005



"Religious Establishments and
Religious Training During
The Process of Eu"
The meeting was held on 17^{thru}
19 November, 2006



"Congress of Education
in The Islamic Countries"
The meeting was held on 24^{thru}
27 October, 2007



"Moral Crisis of Our Age and The
Search For Solution"
The meeting was held on
24^{thru} 26 April, 2009

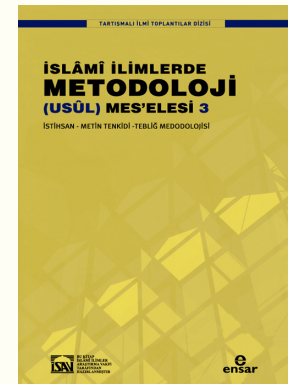
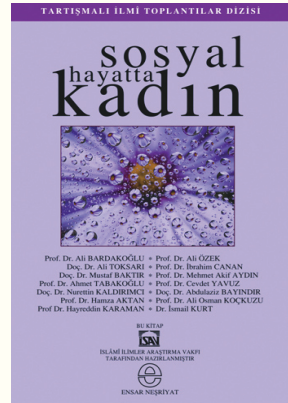
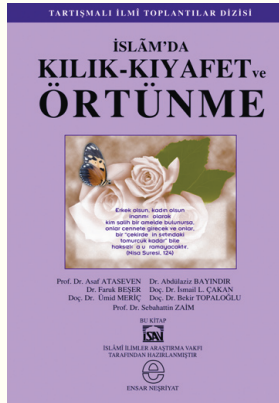
III- A SERIES OF NATIONAL SYMPOSIUMS

Our Foundation, so far realized 41 national symposiums. Scientists who are the specialists of their own area were invited for the meetings. The papers and discussions were published and presented to the use of world of science. The books published are given in order, as follow:

1. Compensations of a loss incurred from a selling by instalment instead of in cash, and the profit margin in business transactions according to the Islamic law
2. Appearance and clothing in Islam
3. Economic development and Islam
4. Money, Interest and Islam
5. Knowledge, science and Islam-I
6. A new banking model without interest
7. The psychological and spiritual problems of youth
8. The capacity of zakat in Turkey
9. The prophet Muhammad and his family life
10. Management and labour relations from the point of comparative jurisprudence and its application
11. Social transformation and religious life
12. Knowledge, science and Islam- II
13. Visual arts and Islam
14. Risk capital, private financial establishments
15. Cigarette smoking and health-care
16. Christian-Muslim relations in our age
17. Shiism in the past and at present
18. Islamic family and child decency-I
19. Shiism in the past and at present(Summary)
20. Residential houses and architectural style
21. Women in social life
22. Islamic family and child decency-II
23. Financial trusts in theory and in application
24. The scope of being on a journey and its conditions according to Islamic law
25. The place of suna in Islam
26. The values that made the XV th and XVI th centuries Turkish Ages
27. Child development and their training
28. The Historical and actual backgrounds of Alawies, Bektashies and Nusairies in Turkey
29. The youth period and their training-I
30. Education, Training and Productivity at Qur'anic teaching courses
31. Islam and Democracy

32. Quran and the interpretative studies-I (The Qur'an-Sunna-Sciences)
33. Freedom of religion and conscience during Otoman period
34. Quran and the interpretative studies-II (The Qur'an-Sciences)
35. Modernization: Islamic World and Turkey
36. Quran and the interpretative studies-III (The Qur'an-Qur'anic Sciences)
37. Quran and the interpretative studies-IV (Qur'anic Reading discipline and its problems(Theoretical and practical))
38. Globalization: Islamic World and Turkey
39. Quran and the interpretative studies-V (The problem of gayb(Hidden thing) in Islamic thought)
40. "Zakat" in Qur'an and Sunna
41. The Prayer and The Mosque

LIST OF BOOKS ON ACADEMIC RESEARCH AND STUDY



The Library of the Foundation



The library is composed of the books donated by the founders during the establishment and also other selected books provided later on. It has a special character in respect to Arabic source books. One flat of the building has been assigned for the library. About four thousand books are available in Arabic, Turkish and English languages. A catalogue was prepared for these books and put in the service of the researchers.

Other Activities

Seminars

In our Foundation, some seminars and courses have been organized in different areas of Islamic sciences where scholars and researchers felt a need. Through these seminars conducted by scholars who are the specialists in their areas, it is aimed at training researchers in the field of Islam.



The following are the presently ongoing seminars.

a) Seminars on Exegesis of the Qur'an:

In this seminar conducted by Prof. Dr. Ali ÖZEK or another teaching staff from the Faculty of Theology, the interpretation of Keşşaf has been completed. The seminar was carried on during the months of October thru June and on Saturdays only. As of 2007, the subject interpretation is being practiced.

b) Seminar on Hadith: The seminar which has been conducted by a teacher of Hadith assigned upon the approval of the Board of Trustees, is continued during the months of October thru June and on Saturdays only.

c) Seminar on Islamic Law (Fıh): The seminar which has been conducted by a teacher of "Fıh" assigned upon the approval of the Board of trustees, is continued during the months of October thru June and on Saturdays only.



d) English Courses: For graduate and master students, these courses are being arranged with a view to improve their English knowledge. The courses are being given during the month of October thru June, on Fridays from 14.00 thru 17.00 hrs and on Saturdays at 09.00 thru 12.00 hrs.



Consultative Meetings

1 - Arabic Courses:



In the auditorium of the Foundation, in times of need, scholars who are specialists at their field are invited to gather and within an agenda, the opinions of the participants are taken. The subjects of our symposiums are generally determined by these types of consultive meetings.

2 - English Courses:

Through the participation of our scholars, generally on Friday nights and when needed, scientific talks are carried on at the Foundation center and very important and current issues are discussed and way outs are sought.



The classroom in which the seminars are made

REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS OF THE FOUNDATION

Location	Division	Parcel	Map	Indicator Size in M²	Kind	Date Acquired
Fatih	2117	30	246	85	Daire	29.07.1971
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Beşiktaş	272	37	52	100	Daire	06.03.1973
Fatih	1061	99	170	120	Bina	20.11.1985
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Üsküdar	78	45	75	140	Daire	30.03.2004

In order to meet the permanent general expenses, our Foundation, of course, needs more real estate holdings. In this connexion we expect your kind efforts and supports with donations of movable and immovable estates.

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