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To Whom It May Concern

Dear Sir or Madam,

It is with great pleasure that I make this recommendation for Dr. Halil Tekiner, an extraordinarily successful member of the pharmaceutical community, who has also distinguished himself in the field of pharmaceutical and medical history. Dr. Tekiner holds a B.S. in pharmaceutical science as well as an M.S. and Ph.D. in pharmacy management and history, all from Ankara University.

In Kayseri, one of Turkey's most dynamic and prosperous cities, he owns and operates the Yoğunburç Pharmacy which had been established by his father and mother several decades ago.


With an abiding commitment to the academic and historical aspects of pharmaceutical sciences, Dr. Tekiner has conducted post-graduate research at various institutions including Philipps University in Marburg, Germany; University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC, USA; Semmelweis University, Budapest, Hungary, and elsewhere. In recent years he has taught courses at Kayseri's Erciyes University in pharmaceutical history and deontology. He has been remarkably active in professional organizations specializing in pharmaceutical sciences: member of the Executive Committee of the Turkish Cancer Research Organization, Kayseri; member of the Executive Committee of Young Pharmacists' Group of the International Pharmaceutical Federation, Holland; Chairman of the Education and Social Affairs Commission of the Kayseri Regional Chamber of Pharmacists in addition to his work as a graduate student at Ankara University (President of the Association of Ankara University Pharmaceutical Faculty and member of the Executive Council of the European Pharmaceutical Students' Association, Belgium). He is a member of professional organizations in Germany, United States, France, Britain, and Holland.

Dr. Tekiner's publications (7 books and more than 90 articles) are proof positive of his impressive productivity. The majority of these relate to pharmaceutical sciences per se and some of them to music, literature, cartoons, and European and Turkish history. His versatility as a scientist and man of letters is dazzling. He has truly distinguished himself as a speaker at scientific symposia as well as in the media. His participation has covered so many countries in addition to Turkey: Germany, France, Austria, Switzerland, Spain, Britain, Romania, Bulgaria, Holland, Belgium, Greece, Slovenia and Hungary.

Dr. Tekiner has an astounding range of interests and hobbies including classical music and ethnomusicology in addition to playing the piano, composing and history of music. Many of his compositions have been published individually or in anthologies, some on CDs. He has done work on humor and cartoons as well as in humanities. He is also well known for his work relating to handicapped people.

In addition to his native Turkish and his expertise in Ottoman Turkish, Dr. Tekiner has proficiency and fluency in English and French.

I wholeheartedly recommend Dr. Halil Tekiner as a creative professional in his chosen fields. He is a truly impressive and illustrious gentleman whose achievements have won admiration and acclaim from virtually everyone who has known him.



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The writer of the letter is Turkey's first Minister of Culture. He was for many years on the faculties of Columbia, Princeton, and UPenn and served as Professor and Chairman of the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Literatures at New York University. He spent one academic year at the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor) on a Rockefeller Fellowship. Currently he is Chairman of the Department of Turkish Literature and Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Letters at Bilkent University.