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Abstract

During my professional life, I had the opportunity to meet many foreign colleagues working in the same field. However, three of them have a special place and importance for me. Working together with these people, who are among the leading names in their fields of expertise in their own countries, I had the special opportunities of taking part in the writing of scientific books and coming together at the events where we would sign those books for readers together...

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Introduction

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The first of these colleagues, Sepencer G. Niles is one of the most important names in career counseling in the USA. During my sabbatical period with him, I had the opportunity to work together in the same department and be friend with him for a year. Later, he was kind enough to be a 'guest author' in a collaborative book that I prepared (as editor and chapter writer) (1).

Latter, Tim Bond is the leading name in the field of 'professional ethics' in the field of psychological counseling in the UK. I had the chance to be an editor in the translation of a fundamental book of his, which is well known not only in his country but also all over the world. We translated the book into Turkish first, but I was not satisfied with that. A short while later, we got approval for adapting the book to Turkish cultural context and preparing it for publication again, and after a long study, we brought a comparative and much more comprehensive source book to our field, covering the legal rules and ethical principles valid for our country (2). After our correspondence, we had the chance to meet face-to-face with Tim Bond at an international congress held in Istanbul, to take part in a panel that I chaired, and to sign our book together for the readers during the congress (3).

The third name is, Ronald G. Sultana, who is also a well-known name in vocational guidance and career counseling, especially in Mediterranean Countries. I was very excited when Sultana asked me to write the chapter on Turkey in his book, which covers his experiences in different countries (4). After the book was published, he invited me to an international conference in Italy, which also had aiming the introducing of our collectively written book. Thus, I had the chance to attend the meeting held at the University of Padova, to make a presentation in the same session and to sign the book together (5).

I would like to commemorate and express my thanks these three colleagues who have a special place in my professional life, once again. Finally, a news that I want to share; last year, I was asked to write a special article on Spencer G. Niles for a book to be published by the ACA in the United States on pioneering leaders and missionaries in counseling. Below, I share with you my short article in this book (6). I extend my love and respect to all my colleagues, hoping that our professional organization will also publish such books in future...

"Time is 11:00 p.m and after I had my special dinner about today which is February 14th, 2020, I want to start writing for Spencer at this night. Just because the another February 14th of 2010, it was first time we met Spencer in person face to face in Ankara, Turkey. He had come to Ankara with his working team and I was invited them for dinner with my some colleagues together. The same year in August, I went to PennState University for my sabbatical term for one year. I had had chance to work with him about Career Counseling during the period of 2010-2011. I had particaped in his some graduate course lessons and his some studies, looked over his book, talk with him and his colleagues and his students etc. So he gave me an inspiration to write an article (7).*

Second chance I had in another Saint Valentine's day , February 14th of 2011, in that year during my period of Penn State, Faculty of Educatin and Department of Counseling, Spencer had come to my Office to say Hello and asked "How is going on your life in Penn State". I mentioned that I prepare a book with my Turkish colleagues and asked him "Can you please write a short chapter in our book as an honorary author, that I would very appreciate " and he said "YES!".. It was great honour for me and he wrote his chapter as "Career flow: A hope-centered approach to career development" (p.297-304) in our book (1).

Our book that I mentioned about was published in 2012 in Turkey and we had a chance to sign our book together with Spencer for Turkish students and counselors when he had attended "World Congress of Psychological Counselling and Guidance, 2013 in İstanbul (3). Nowadays, our book's 11th edition publication has been realized.

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I owe great thanks to Spencer for his contribute to the improvement of Career Counselling in Turkey. For me, as a person who feels herself in love with Counselling and finds meaning of life in this field, I think Spencer Niles is not only distinguished professor and important leader in this field but also as an advocacy in Counseling mission, he is a Saint !."

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