

## **Şükrü Nail Bayraktar**

### **Autobiography (1932 Macedonia Tetovo - 2019 İstanbul)**

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Nail Bayraktar, who was born in Tetovo, Macedonia in 1932, immigrated to Istanbul with his family when he was only 6 years old. He spent his childhood and youth years in Fatih Karagümrük where he settled down in 1938 and lived there during his childhood and youth years, completing his first, middle and high school years there too. Bayraktar, who completed his military service as an artillery lieutenant in 1953, passed the civil service exam he took in 1954 and started to work as a library clerk at the Süleymaniye Library in June 1954. Shortly after he started working in the library, he wanted to continue his higher education by enrolling into Istanbul University, Faculty of Letters. Bayraktar, who stated that he could not attend the classes enough due to his heavy workload and that he tried to continue his education as much as he could during his entitled leave periods taken in exchange for weekends guarding, married Miss Nimet, who, like himself, devoted herself to this profession

He made various researches and examinations in England, where he went with his wife in 1961 for professional development, and tried to apply his professional knowledge and experience in our country's institutions he worked in when he returned after a period of one year. In the period following his return to Turkey, Bayraktar, who was appointed as the Deputy Director of the Millet Library as well as the director of the Istanbul Provincial Public Library, graduated from the Faculty of Letters, which he described as "a long student period" in his own statement.

Bayraktar, who increased the number of branches affiliated to the Provincial Public Library when he was appointed as the Director in 1967, also expanded the service network of the Library with 5 mobile libraries that he brought to the institution. Nail Bayraktar, who was appointed as the Deputy of General Director of Libraries (KYGM) from the Istanbul Provincial Public Library Directorate in May 1973, was now in Ankara, and was elected as the General President at the extraordinary congress of the Turkish Librarians Association in his second year in the capital.city. The duties of Mr. Bayraktar both in KYGM and in the Association came to an end in March 1978 when he was appointed as a Consultant in İstanbul. He successfully carried out the duty of deputy of KYGM, where he was appointed for the second time in 1980,

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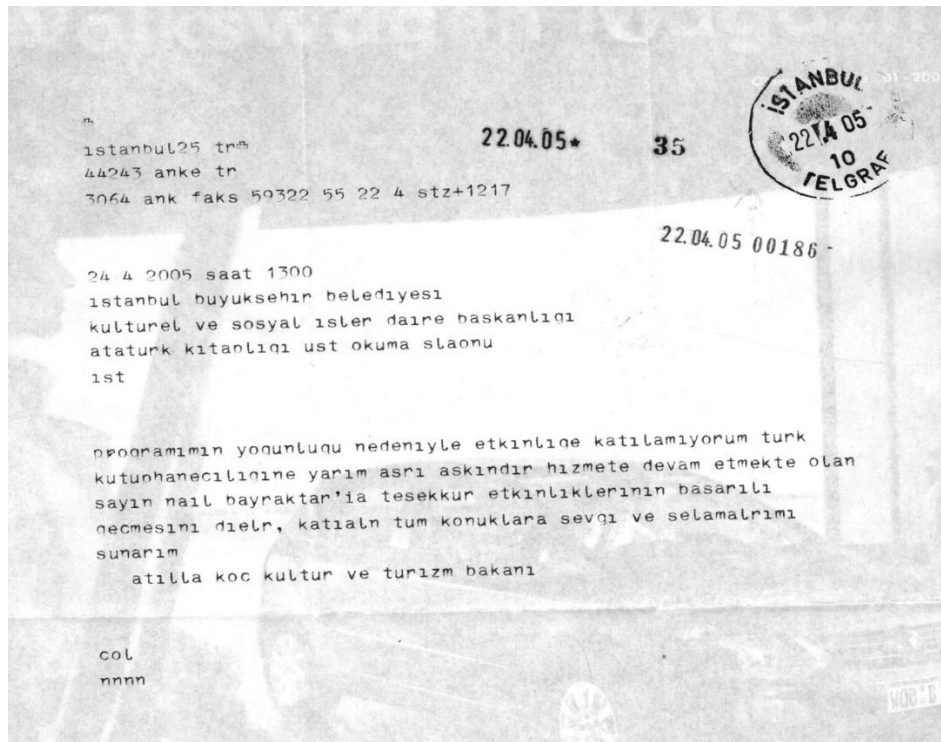
until April 1985, when he retired at his own request. During this period, he worked as an administrator and instructor in activities such as putting new library buildings into service in various provinces and districts and organizing thematic professional courses for managers and staff.

Nail Bayraktar, whom I describe him as the volunteer of our librarianship profession, had always come to terms with the field of librarianship after his retirement, thanks to his endeavor and professional affection that inspired this name. During his return to Istanbul, he taught the courses of Manuscripts for two years at the Librarianship Department of the Printing Vocational High School in Sultanahmet.

Bayraktar, who started to work for cataloging of manuscript collections of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality Atatürk Library in 1988, added works equally as valuable as treasure to our world of science and research with the catalogs he prepared with his colleagues. Besides his successful field work as a librarian, manager and educator, he added value to our field with around 20 books (catalogs, guides, booklets) and more than 60 articles published in various periodicals.

Nail Bayraktar, whom I had the chance to be together under the roof of the same institution and who is a true treasure in every sense, organized voluntary trainings to contribute to the qualification of the staff as well as his duties in the institution. These voluntary works, which he managed with great patience and discipline to the extent that his health allowed and as long as his conditions allowed too, provided added value for the institution's staff.

I sincerely thank Şükrü Nail Bayraktar, whom we have placed in our hearts as an exemplary elder not only with his professional determination and diligence, but also with his humanitarian aspect, for the beauties he added to our professional and personal lives, and I remember him with mercy, gratitude and affection. "May he rest in peace."



*Image 1.* The Celebration Telegram to Nail Bayraktar for his 50th Professional Year sent by the Minister of Culture and Tourism.