

MECOR

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Altay de Souza

This is my second time in MECOR Turkey. The first time was 2018 in İzmir. I like Turkey a lot. I have Turkish roots. 120 years ago, my great grandfather was born in İzmir and he was an oil wrestler he got married with a Greek girl and they run away and switched names. DeSouza is a very common Brazilian surname, but my name is Turkish. My great grandfather was a fighter, so was my father and I have been practicing Judo for 30 years.

I've started MECOR as a student in 2009 in Latin America. When I was a student in Level 4 in Colombia, we spent the whole day writing our papers. That was the only paper that was published without revision, because I was dedicated and I wrote the whole paper during the week. I never could separate a week to do this again. You have this opportunity as a student to improve yourself and find an environment where you can speak English. Science is something that you use to be less wrong, not righter. If you want to be right, science is not for you. But if you want to be less wrong, you gain freedom. In psychology, the definition of freedom is : "the capability to control what controls you". And you control what controls you once you know how much you don't know. Once you learn more, you are less wrong.

Neill Adhikari

This is my fifth time in MECOR Turkey. I enjoy being in Turkey. I have only worked in Level 2. Students in MECOR, considering they are very busy clinically, are generally very motivated to be here and many of them have gone onto publish their research. That's very impressive. I think students should try to seek out opportunities where ever, whenever they happen, not just in MECOR that happens once a year. In addition, they should seek out other training opportunities like graduate degrees. In general, compared to previous MECORs, students are more prepared and they have got a more solid grasp about the basic concept.

Level 3 Students

Yasemin Gökdemir

A very useful course for young people who want to become academicians. I recommend Level 1 and 2 students to continue and finish MECOR. Even though we have written academic papers previously; in Level 3, we had the chance to learn some skills of writing an article from the mentors. We will be sharing this knowledge with our young colleagues.

Yasemin Saygıdeğer

I attended the MECOR Level 1 in 2009. I was a research assistant back then. After receiving a PhD degree, I came back for MECOR Level 2 in 2016. In Level 3, we worked very hard during day and night, and we were very motivated. We learned a lot from both our mentors and our classmates.

Berrin Er

The academic development from beginning to end has been very satisfying for me. I had the chance to share what I learned in MECOR with my colleagues. Another important improvement is that, I can read and write articles in a more systematic way. I strongly recommend MECOR to my younger colleagues. Attending such a course at the beginning of your academic career is very important in terms of personal development and networking.

Level 2 Students

Deniz Kızılırmak

I attended MECOR Level 1 online. Since online MECOR was completed in a longer time period, we had courses for three hours. Unfortunately during the daily struggles it was harder to concentrate on the research. I really felt that I am in MECOR this year in face to face MECOR Level 2. I believe the most important thing MECOR provides is the scientific perspective. I am planning to meet with you next year in Level 3.

Tuğba Şişmanlar- Nagehan Emiraliöđlu

MECOR Level 2 was very productive. We realized how much our researchs improved during this week. We advise our young colleagues not to take a long break between MECOR levels. We are planning to come to MECOR level 3 next year.

Level 1 Students

Feride Marim

MECOR was the clue we came across while we were standing in front of a chaotic labyrinth. Everyone was standing out for the same purpose, but neither of us knew where to start and how to proceed. Our experiences multiplied as we shared them. Filtered thoughts vs. brainstorming which make the impossible happen... Big estimates, small sample sizes... The fact that the mentors worked harder than the mentees... A solid roof where brand new friendships were established...

Intense, tiring; but it was a fun week for all of us. We all returned with the peace of enlightenment and armful of scientific responsibilities. Now we know the ways out of the labyrinth. I am grateful for the hard work and effort of our guides. In a reality where it is not possible to find the most accurate, everyone who aims to reach the least mistakes should have a MECOR experience. See you next year in order to learn the shortest ways and continue on our way with this friendly warmth...

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Suya attım ben sesimi
Türkü oldu birdenbire
Denizinden geçen gemi
Geceleyin karanlıkta
Gülümsedim buluta ben
Saçlarına düşen yağmur
Gökkuşuğı oldu birden
Geceleyin karanlıkta
Yıldız tuttum gök içinde
Işığına sana vurdu
Bir gül açtı yüreğinde**

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