

SHORT CV

Professor Ersi KALFOGLOU

Professor Kalfoglu was born in Istanbul-Turkey. Following her graduation from the “Central Greek Highschool” of Istanbul, she attended Bosphorus University to get her degree in Chemistry. She got her master’s degree in Clinical Biochemistry in the Medical Faculty of Istanbul University and then she started her long career in the field of Forensic Sciences. Her PhD and the next steps of her academic career are in this field. In 1993 she became the first associate professor in Forensic Sciences in Turkey. She got the title of full professor in 1999 at the age of 39, being again the first professor in the field. Her research career is basically concentrated in forensic genetics. She is the founder of the first graduate program in the area and she teaches regularly to both postgraduate and undergraduate students. Actually, the research history of forensic genetics in Turkey, starts with her first publications. She performed as a researcher and as a visiting professor in many Universities all over the world. She has also published widely in forensic medicine in peer reviewed journals, has edited 4 books and contributed to a number of other textbooks and she holds a series of awards.

Currently, she is the head of the Forensic Sciences Department of the Medical Faculty of Istanbul Yeni Yüzyıl University. She is the first female president of the Balkan Academy of Forensic Sciences since 2020. Professor Kalfoglou has spent the last years of her career specializing in Sexual Abuse and its consequences. Being aware of the difficulties that sexual assault victims and survivors are facing, she initiated a project for the establishment of a “one-stop crisis center” in Istanbul to provide multisectoral case management for survivors of sexual assault, including health, welfare, counselling, and legal services in one location.