It is with great sadness that we announce the demise of Professor Münevver Bertan who was an eminent epidemiologist, distinguished and empowered public health professor. Professor Bertan passed away on January 6, 2021.

She was the General Director of International Children's Center since 1999. Prof. Bertan was a graduate of the University of Ankara, School of Medicine. She was trained as a pediatrician in Hacettepe University Medical School. She worked as a visiting professor in the Department of Community Medicine in University of Kentucky, USA for two years. She also served as a professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine in King Faisal University, Dammam, Saudi Arabia for two years. She worked as an advisor to the Turkish Ministry of Health and, she was a member of the Executive Board of WHO between 1993-1996. Her academic work continued in the Department of Public Health of Hacettepe University School of Medicine between 1979-2000. Bertan served as the chair of Department of Public Health from 1992 to 2000 and she was the Director of Institute of Public Health of Hacettepe University.

Professor Bertan was the President of the Turkish Pediatric Association between 17.11.1992 / 05.01.1995. She also served the as the treasurer in the Executive Committee of International Pediatrics Association.

I would like to extend my deepest condolences to her family and colleagues. We will always remember Professor Münevver Bertan with deep respect, profound gratitude and great affection.

Professor Enver Hasanoğlu  
President Elect of International Pediatrics Association