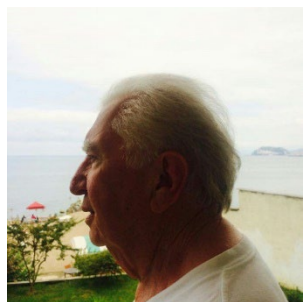


The American Research Institute in Turkey
and the Friends of ARIT remember
Dr. İhsan Çetin

With this initiative ARIT aims to honor Dr. İhsan Çetin and Dr. Toni Marie Cross as life-long benefactors to ARIT's programs and efforts to support research in Turkey.



Dr. İhsan Çetin passed away in January 2023. A student of economics and development, he was a retired faculty member of the Department of Tourism and Hotel Management, Bilkent University, and a pioneer of Turkey's tourism policies. As Toni's spouse, Dr. Çetin, was a stalwart supporter of ARIT. In addition to his productive academic career, he was often a saving grace assisting with varied challenges that ARIT Ankara faced from negotiating leases to handling legal issues. In fall 2001, İhsan gave a lecture at ARIT Ankara on "The Current Economic Crisis in Turkey."

We remember İhsan's support and kind sociability now, which endured through the years after Toni passed away. He returned to Giresun and often wrote about current events, with posts on his [Facebook page](#) and in the [local newspaper](#).

Toni M. Cross served as ARIT Ankara Director from 1979 – 2002, building the library and managing the facilities and staff. Toni Cross excavated the Late Bronze to Early Iron Age phases at Kinet Hoyuk. She co-wrote *A Brief History of Ankara* with Dr. Gary Leiser (2000) and wrote the volume of historical travel vignettes, *Anatolian Images* (2013).

ARIT has named a special fellowship fund for İhsan Çetin and Toni Cross. The fund will support advanced study for Turkish scholars at institutions within Türkiye, in all fields of the social sciences and humanities to recognize the interests and concerns of both individuals.

Generous donors have begun to build the fund, but it cannot offer ongoing fellowships yet. ARIT asks your support to build this permanent remembrance of İhsan and Toni. ARIT welcomes donations at any level.



The [Toni M. Cross Fund](#) will continue with its purpose to support the archaeological research of Turkish graduate students in Turkey.