

Short Biography of Okyay Kaynak

Okyay Kaynak received the B.Sc. degree with first class honors and Ph.D. degrees in electronic and electrical engineering from the University of Birmingham, UK, in 1969 and 1972 respectively.

From 1972 to 1979, he held various positions within the industry. In 1979, he joined the Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey, where he is presently a Professor Emeritus, holding the UNESCO Chair on Mechatronics. He is also a 1000 People Plan Professor at Harbin Institute of Technology, Harbin, China. He has hold long-term (near to or more than a year) Visiting Professor/Scholar positions at various institutions in Japan, Germany, U.S., Singapore and China. His current research interests are in the fields of intelligent control and mechatronics. He has authored three books, edited five and authored or co-authored more than 400 papers that have appeared in various journals and conference proceedings.

Dr. Kaynak is a fellow of IEEE and has just completed his 3-year term as the Editor-in-Chief of IEEE/ASME Transactions on Mechatronics. Additionally, he is on the Editorial or Advisory Boards of a number of scholarly journals. He has recently received the Chinese Government's Friendship Award and Humboldt Research Prize.

Dr. Kaynak is active in international organizations, has served on many committees of IEEE and was the president of IEEE Industrial Electronics Society during 2002-2003.