

Writer – Festival Director

Presentation Topic: "CONTRIBUTIONS OF FESTIVALS TO THE CINEMA CULTURE AND THE FILM INDUSTRY"

Vecdi Sayar Biography:

He was born in Zonguldak. He completed his primary and secondary education at TED Ankara College and METU Department of Architecture.

After graduating from the Faculty of Architecture, he made stage designs in various ensembles such as AST, Çağdaş Sahne, İstanbul Municipality City Theaters.

He served as the İstanbul Municipality Cultural Activities Director, Ankara and İstanbul Cinematheques Director, Cultural Counselor of the Ministry of Culture, and the Cultural Counselor of the Paris Embassy.

Also, he served as Balkan Film Festival Secretary General, İKSV Cinema Days and İstanbul International Film Festival Program

Director, TÜRSAK Cities Behind the Screen, International Cinema-History Meeting, International Environmental Film Festival Director, Expo'92 World Fair Turkey pavilion cultural events manager, HABITAT Conference Art Events (HabitArt) director, TÜRKFILM director, General Art Director of the 46th Antalya Golden Orange Film Festival.

He served as a member of the Executive Board of the İstanbul 2010 European Capital of Culture Agency. France,

He held Turkish Film Festivals in England, Italy, Germany, Spain, USA and Canada.

He prepared and presented art and cinema programs on TRT-2, Sky TV and ARTI 1 TV.

He also served as the editor-in-chief of the Video Cinema magazine. Published articles and reviews in columns of many newspapers and magazines.

Taught at İstanbul Bilgi University and Yıldız Technical University

as a lecturer.

Sayar, who is an honorary member of the Cinema Writers Association (SİYAD) Council Term President, CHP Culture and Art Platform member, Association of Our Europe, also served as a member of the PEN Writers' Association and TYS Board of Directors.

Sayar, who has taken part a jury member at many festivals, including the Cannes Festival Golden Camera, is still the

President of the Intercultural Art Association, Izmir Metropolitan Municipality's International Film and Art Association

Music Festival, Izmir Mediterranean Cinemas Meeting and Izmir Humor Festival

He is a columnist writing for the newspapers Dokuz Eylül and Birgün.