

## **Prof. Dr. Suat KARAKÜÇÜK**

He graduated from Ankara 19 May Youth and Sports Academy in 1982. He received his master's degree from Gazi University Institute of Social Sciences Physical Education and Sports Sciences and his PhD degree from Selçuk University Institute of Social Sciences Educational Administration and Planning. From 1983, he has been working at Gazi University Faculty of Sport Sciences. He has been teaching recreation science, free time behaviour, recreation and the environment, recreation and tourism, multiculturalism and recreation, recreation administration, autism, and sport in undergraduate and graduate programs. He wrote a book titled Recreation: Evaluation of Leisure Time whose first edition was published in 1995, and extended sixth edition was published in 2008. In addition, he published the books titled Education of Physical Education Teacher in 1989; Ülkü Selected Sport Articles (1933-1950) in 1993; Journal of Turkish Sport Association (1936-1938) Selected Sport Articles in 1991; Olympic Games at Historical and Political Perspective in 1997; Recreation and Urbanization (with B. Gürbüz) in 2007; Therapeutic Recreation in 2012; Eco-Recreation: Recreation and Environment (with B.M. Akgül) in 2016 and Recreation Science which was edited by him in 2016. He pays attention to civic involvement projects inside and outside the university. He participates in environmental activities in his free time, and he is interested in outdoor sports. At present, he is the chairperson of "Autism Foundation Sports Club". He takes part in creating awareness activities about autism, and he studies about autistic people's education through sport. He incorporates a lot of students into these studies and tries to raise awareness and susceptibility of students about every social problem, human rights, universal and national values, other living creatures, and environment.