

## **A BIOGRAPHY: AN INTELLECTUAL OF MODERN TURKEY, KURTHAN FİŞEK AND SPORTS MANAGEMENT**

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### **Abstract**

This is a biographical work. This work is composed of three parts. In the first part, all the principles and philosophical thoughts that Turkey and her independence is based on. Secondly, Kurthan Fişek, who was grown up in an atmosphere when Republic Period and enlightenment brought with it reached its peak in 1950s and 1960s, is studied in terms of his family, the era and its political and social events, of his educational background and academic life, his field of interests, his major works and books. As the third part, his most important book "Sports Management" is presented and introduced. This book composed of four parts and additions and discussing sports in a universal aspect is still a reference book in sports circles. The book is also quite universal.

Kurthan Fişek (1942-2012) was one of the famous people in Ankara University, Faculty of Political Science between 1960s and 1970s. He has left important mark on recent history, academic and intellectual life of Turkey. He was a sportsman, academician, translator, journalist, politician, bureaucrat and manager. He witnessed coups staged on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 1960 and 12<sup>th</sup> March, 1980. He was judged and tortured in that era. He was a student of Süleyman DEMİREL, Turgut ÖZAL, Necmettin ERBAKAN and Erdal İnönü who were beginning to be important in political circles and he was the teacher of Abdullah ÖCALAN, Mesut YILMAZ, Mehmet AĞAR and Abdüllatif ŞENER. The founder of PKK Abdullah ÖCALAN who was a student in Ankara University, Faculty of Political Science in 1960s got zero grade because he did not participate in Kurthan Fişek's exam.

He loved and admired Ankara deeply. He was a member of a Macedonian-originated family who emigrated to Ankara approximately 100 years ago during Turkish War of Independence. His grandfather Hayrullah FİŞEK, who was one of the leading commanders of War of Independence, was a classmate of Mustafa Kemal ATATÜRK and İsmet İNÖNÜ in Salonika Military Junior High School. His father Nusret FİŞEK, who was once an undersecretary of Ministry of Health and a chairman of Turkish Medical Association (TBB), was one of the leaders of preventive medicine in Turkey.

Kurthan FİŞEK has two special field of interest: Politics and sports. He was active and took part in socialist-rooted Workers' Party of Turkey (TİP) which for the first time could be a part of the parliament by gaining 15 representatives in general elections of Turkey in 1965. He also took part in Science Council of the party. He was in national team of Turkey in the field of High Jump when he was young. In 1979, he wrote the book "Sports Management" which is a good reference book. He not only theorized the field of Sports Management but he also presided in Ankara Sports Academy and Turkish Athletic Federation between 1978 and 1979.

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