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## In Memory of mer Faruk Demirhan



Life sometimes halts unexpectedly in its most fertile spring. The life of my colleague, dear student, and partner in our hopes for the future, mer Faruk Demirhan, stopped at this very productive time, at the age of 28.

A researcher's success is measured not only by their academic publications but also by the energy and kindness they radiate to those around them. mer was one of those rare characters who served as an inspiration to us all. Leaving aside the technical world of computer science to listen to the call of his heart for nature and life, mer became not just a successful graduate but a visionary young academic through his passion for biology. mer placed butterflies at the centre of his life. His boundless energy at the desk, his passion for learning and teaching, and especially the sincere bond he formed with young students did much more than lighten our workload; he touched our souls. Despite being at the beginning of his journey, his dedication to the field of lepidopterology quickly earned him a distinguished place. While working with him, we felt at every moment that we were walking not just with an assistant, but with a butterfly scientist of a bright future.

Choosing to be an inseparable part of nature, mer Faruk has now been entrusted to the vast wilderness he loved so much. He left us a legacy of the immense love, admiration for nature, and endless curiosity he fit into his short life. We will always remember him with his smiling face, his hardworking nature, and his pure passion for the mysteries of nature.

Rest in peace, mer Faruk; you will always live on through your butterflies and your publications.

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