

Turkey Keeps Celebrating! *Turkey's First Woman to Fly in an Aeroplane 101 Years Ago & Women Pioneers In the Turkish Aviation*



Dear Aviator;

Greetings from Ankara, Turkey...

When I first informed Ms. ZIOLKOWSKI of the Women in Aviation Exhibition & Women in Aviation International organizations about the Turkey's first woman to fly in an airplane I had no response so long time...

Then, she announced the event at the [WAI Blog](#) when I send my report about the celebration of Turkey's first woman to fly in an airplane 100 years ago! Ms. Belkıs Şevket flew with the aircraft under the command of Captain Mr. Fethi.

The header was “**Turkey Celebrates!**”

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Please be informed that Turks have kept commemorating the centennial of the first Turkish woman to fly in an airplane with many events and celebrations countrywide.



The first event was in Istanbul Technical University (ITU) which is the oldest technical university with its 240th year in the country on December 2, 2013.

ITU Women's Studies Center in Science, Engineering and Technology (WSC in SET) has organized the event cooperating with the ITU Faculty of Aeronautics and Astronautics (FAA) in memory for commemorating the centennial of the first Turkish woman to fly in an airplane in the skies of Istanbul.

The conference “Turkish Woman in the Development Process of Turkish Aviation” was given by Mr. Can EREL with a meaningful contributions of some fist women in Turkish aviation. Total 22 women who had the “first” mark in Turkish aviation development process were mentioned during his speech.



After the conference, the **FIRST**,

- Design Engineer & Manager, the First Indigenous Trainer Aircraft - Hürkuş (FreeBird) Project,
- System Engineer, Turbofan (F110 Engine) ,
- Depot Level Maintenance Engineer, Propulsion Electronics / Avionics ,
- Pilot, Commercial Airliner,
- Pilot, F-16 Aircraft,

made their own speeches about their pioneering experiences and Turkish women in general.

Some photos of the event can be reached in the event album at https://www.facebook.com/can.erel.37/media_set?set=a.10151856149667659.745297658&type=3

The second event of Turkey's first woman to fly in an airplane 100 years ago was in Ankara, the Capital. Cankaya University Center for Research & Application in Women's Studies (KADUM) has organized the event for commemorating the centennial of the first Turkish woman to fly in an airplane on December 4, 2013.

Women pilots from the Turkish Aeronautical Association gave their speeches about the Ms. Belkıs Şevket, her first fly in an airplane and women.



Some photos of the event can be reached in the same album at https://www.facebook.com/can.erel.37/media_set?set=a.10151856149667659.745297658&type=3



The third event on of Turkey's first woman to fly in an airplane 100 years ago was in Eskişehir, the city in northwestern Turkey and a very well-known city in Turkey for its culture, aviation, education and attractions.

A "Science Conversation" was organized by the Metropolitan Municipality's Science Experiment Center in collaboration with City Council Women's Assembly " on March 7, 2014, as a part of the International Women's Day celebrations in Eskişehir.



Just before this event, there was "Author's Book Signing Day" for Mr. EREL's first book, "Can'Ca Remarkable Traces of Industrial Development in Turkey" . (You may see some more details in the P.S.)

The conference "Turkish Woman in the Development Process of Turkish Aviation" was given by Mr. Can EREL on March 7, 2014. The conference was of the same theme but total 36 women who had the "first" mark in Turkish aviation development process were mentioned during his speech this time. After the conference, the FIRST,

- Design Engineer, the First Indigenous Trainer Aircraft - Hürkuş Project,
- System Engineer, Avionics,
- System Engineer, Turbojet (J79 Engine),
- Depot Level Maintenance Engineer, Propulsion Electronics / Avionics ,
- Pilot, Army Aviation / Fixed-Wing ,
- Aircraft Mechanics (Electronic Technician),



- *System Analyst & Operator, Hi-Tech Processes Advanced Planning & Scheduling,*

contributed by making their own speeches about their pioneering experiences and the women in general.

Some photos of the event can be reached in the event album at https://www.facebook.com/can.erel.37/media_set?set=a.10152015113747659.1073741850.745297658&type=3

The fourth event on of Turkey's first woman to fly in an airplane 100 years ago was in Izmir. A conference on "Defence & Aerospace Technologies" was organized by Sinerjitürk, and the FIRST "Design Engineer, the First Indigenous Trainer Aircraft - Hurkuş Project" was special invitee speaker.



The FIRST "Design Engineer, the First Indigenous Trainer Aircraft - Hurkuş Project" made her speech "Being Woman in the Defence Industry" on March 8, 2014.

I would like to thank specially to,

- Ms. Prof. Dr. ARSLAN of ITU WSC in SET & Mr. Prof. Dr. KAYA of ITU FAA for accepting my proposal to organize an event for commemorating the centennial of the first Turkish woman to fly in an airplane,
- Ms. Dr. TEMİZ Cankaya University Center for Research & Application in Women's Studies, for accepting my proposal to organize an event for commemorating the centennial of the first Turkish woman to fly in an airplane,
- Ms. AYDINMAKİNA of Eskişehir Metropolitan Municipality's Science Experiment Center, for inviting me to Eskişehir right after reading some news about my conference in ITU,
- Mr. GÜLHAN and his organization committee, Sinerjitürk for accepting my proposal to cover a presentation about women in defence & aerospace industry in the conference on "Defence & Aerospace Technologies".



And I have to thanks all women aviators who had the “first” mark in Turkish aviation development process and accepted to join into the events and make their speeches to the audience.

Best regrads,

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P.S.*: *Just before the conference, “Turkish Woman in the Development Process of Turkish Aviation” on March 7, 2014, there was “Author's Book Signing Day” for Mr. EREL’s first book, “Can'Ca Remarkable Traces of Industrial Development in Turkey”. The book has been about some pioneer idividuals, groups and Institutions like,*

- *Mr. Şakir ZÜMRE (the first Turkish defence entrepreneur & industrialist),*
- *Mr. Tayyareci Vecihi HÜRKUŞ (the designer and manufacturer of the first Turkish military and civilian aircraft, and his many more firsts...),*
- *Mr. Mühürdarzade Mehmet Nuri DEMİRAĞ (the first Turkish aerospace entrepreneur & industrialist),*
- *The first Aeronautical Engineers & Technicians of the Republic of Turkey,*
- *Mr. Necmüzzafer ORBAY (one of the first MIT graduated Turkish aeronautical engineers and first Technical Director of Turkish Airlines),*
- *Istanbul Technical University (the first Turkish technical institution),*

in the Turkish aviation development process and prepared with the sense of loyalty...

... It's been a quite long project in my mind and I aim to pool some of the income to support a girl who is studying aeronautical engineering in my university, İstanbul Technical University..

Some photos of the project progress can be reached in the album at

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