



H. İrfan AKER

İrfan Aker was born in Ankara in 1954. After completing his primary, secondary and high school education in T.E.D. Ankara College, he received his B.Sc. from Boğaziçi University in 1978 and his M.Sc. in Engineering from University of Birmingham in 1979. He joined DOLSAR Engineering Inc.Co. in 1982. DOLSAR performs Engineering and Consultancy services in the fields of water and land resources, energy, transportation, environment and buildings in various countries besides Turkey, including; Albania, Azerbaijan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Congo, Cyprus, Djibouti, Georgia, India, Iraq, Libya, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Turkmenistan, Uganda and Uzbekistan. İrfan Aker has experience in the management and coordination of major energy, water resources, dams, irrigation, water supply, treatment plant, transmission lines and pump stations. He also has extensive experience in transactional advisory services including; cross-sector technical, transactional and commercial advisory services for the Lenders and Sponsors (more than US \$ 25 Bio) for mega size BOT/PPP projects, such as; the Gebze-İzmir Motorway Project (407 km), İstanbul New Airport Project (150 mio ppa), several large scale energy projects, hospitals, ports, etc. Moreover, İrfan Aker has acted as the coordinator for the project management, contract administration, procurements, supervision and commissioning of a number of major multi- billion dollar projects relating to the water and energy industry, such as Atatürk Dam and HEPP (169 m, 2400 MW), Dasu Dam and HEPP (242 m, 4320 MW), Karakaya Dam and HEPP (173 m, 1800 MW), Ilisu Dam and HEPP (136 m, 1200 MW), Şanlıurfa Tunnels (52.8 km, 7.62 m), Deriner Dam and HEPP (249 m, 670 MW) and etc. He took part or coordinated various projects financed by international lenders such as WB, EIB; EBRD, EU, KfW, AFD, ADB etc. Not only he has more than 35 years of experience in technical fields, but also he is heavily involved with the organization of international events such as; the ICOLD 67th Executive Meeting which took in Antalya, of the FIDIC annual meeting in İstanbul, of the 10th Board of Governors Meeting of WWC + Bureau Meeting of the International Symposium: Water for Development in İstanbul, of the 5th World Water Forum which took place in İstanbul and 6th World Water Forum which took place in Marseilles.

He is the Governor of the World Water Council (WWC) since 2006, Chairman of the Communication Task Force of WWC, Member of the Task Force of Governance Committee of WWC, Member of the Steering Committee and International Editorial Board of the International Journal on Hydropower and Dams and Member of Advisory Board of HRW (Penwell Publications). Participated as moderator, chairman and panelist in many international meetings, symposium and conferences. He acted as the Jury Member for the Turkish Prime Minister's Water Prize, İstanbul, 2009, 3rd KYOTO World Water Grant Prize, Marseille, France, 2012 as well as 4th KYOTO World Water Grand Prize, Daegu, South Korea, 2015. He was the member of Board of ATCEA for the terms 1994-1996 and 2004-2006.

İrfan Aker is currently the Chairman of the Executive Board of DOLSAR Engineering Inc. Co. He is married, and has two children.