



Dr. CELAL SAMI TÜFEKÇİ
ASELSAN MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dr. Celal Sami TÜFEKÇİ was born in Giresun in 1971. He has Bachelor's degree from Gazi University (Ankara, Turkey); graduate degree from Northeastern University (Boston, Massachusetts, USA) and doctorate degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (Troy, New York, USA) all in the field of Mechanical Engineering.

Dr. TÜFEKÇİ has started his professional career at Pitney Bowes Inc. (Shelton, Connecticut, USA) that is the world's leading communications and document creation company and has signed patented works on high performance motion control. As a Mechatronics and Control System Design Specialist, he has been a consultant for numerous projects and various companies. After he has served in the manufacturing of satellites and in technology transfer team of Turksat 3A (Throwing / Ariane-5: 12 June 2008, Kourou, French Guiana) as satellite design specialist at Thales Alenia Space (Cannes, France), he took the role of the National Satellite Communications Program Director. Then, he has worked as chief researcher in RASAT (Throwing / Dnepr: August 17, 2011, Yasnye, Russia) and Göktürk-2 (Throwing / LM2D: December 18, 2012, in Jiuquan, China) place observation satellite projects at TÜBİTAK Space Technologies Research Institute (Ankara, Turkey) .

In his academic career, he has served as a research assistant at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (Troy, NY, USA), Deputy Head of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Connecticut (Storrs, Connecticut, USA), Instructor at University of Ontario Institute of Technology (Oshawa, Ontario, Canada), Gazi University (Ankara, Turkey) and Atılım University (Ankara, Turkey) and finally instructor and manager of the Central Research Laboratory at Yıldız Technical University (Istanbul, Turkey) Faculty of Mechatronics Engineering Department.

He started working at Undersecretariat for Defense Industries (Ankara, Turkey) as the head of the Space Department and carried out the high-resolution GÖKTÜRK-1 (Throwing / Vega: December 5, 2016 in Kourou, French Guiana) Satellite Program and Satellite Launch Programs, Dr.TÜFEKÇİ was later appointed as Deputy Undersecretary and still continues to serve in this position.

In the past, he has served on the boards of directors of many companies such as Türk Havacılık ve Uzay Sanayii A.Ş. and currently is Ankara Aerospace Industrial Zone (HAB OSB COMM, Ankara, Turkey) Chairman of the Board of Directors and METU MEMS (Ankara Turkey) member of the Board of Directors. He is also a member of Gazi University Mechanical Engineering Department, Bilkent University Electrical and Electronics Engineering Department and METU Aerospace Engineering Department Advisory Board.

Dr. Celal Sami TÜFEKÇİ was elected as a Board Member at the ASELSAN Ordinary General Assembly held on 2 April 2018.

He is married with 3 children and knows advanced level of English.