



## 21. Mr. SAHIN Metin

- Current Position: WT Council Member • Gender: Male
- Date of Birth: January 10, 1963 • Nationality: Türkiye
- Language: Turkish, English

### A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

I have dedicated over four decades of my life to taekwondo—as an athlete, educator, and sports administrator.

Between 1984 and 1995, I proudly represented Türkiye in major international competitions. Some of my achievements include:

#### Gold Medals:

- 1984 Antalya Tournament (Türkiye)
- 1984 Austria–Türkiye Joint Tournament (Austria)
- 1984, 1986, 1987 Belgium Open
- 1985 Mediterranean Cup (Yugoslavia)
- 1985 Cyprus Open
- 1986 ETU President’s Cup (İzmir)
- 1986 European Championships (Austria)
- 1990 100th Year Friendship Tournament (Japan)
- 1990 European Championships (Denmark)

#### Silver Medals:

- 1984 5th European Championships (Germany)
- 1985 7th World Championships (Korea)
- 1988 7th European Championships (Türkiye)

#### Bronze Medals

- 1985 Helsinki Open (Finland)
- 1988 Pre-Olympic Games (Korea)
- 1991 10th World Championships (Greece)

In 2003, I was elected President of the Turkish Taekwondo Federation, a role I held until 2024. Under my leadership, Türkiye rose to global prominence in both competitive success and organizational excellence.

Currently, I serve as Vice President of the European Taekwondo Union and Council Member of World Taekwondo, contributing to the sport’s global strategy, development, and governance.

I also serve as a Professor at Selçuk University, Faculty of Sport Sciences, mentoring future

generations of coaches, athletes, and scholars.

Taekwondo shaped my life. I remain fully committed to leading its continued growth with integrity, unity, and vision.

## **B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)**

Beyond my involvement in taekwondo, I have served for many years as a Professor at the Faculty of Sport Sciences at Selçuk University. My academic work focuses on sports education, athlete development, and the sociocultural aspects of sport. I have contributed to numerous publications, lectures, and national curriculum development projects.

I have also played a key role in organizing international seminars, scientific conferences, and development programs related to martial arts and physical education. My experience in managing large-scale events has contributed to my strategic planning, crisis management, and administrative leadership skills.

I regularly participate in international sports forums and have represented Türkiye in various European and global academic platforms, building strong bridges between the academic world and sports governance.

In addition, I have worked closely with national institutions such as the Turkish Ministry of Youth and Sports, contributing to the development of sports policy, education systems, and athlete support models. These experiences have helped me build a wide network in international sports, strengthened my cross-cultural communication skills, and broadened my vision for sport as a tool for unity and development.

## **C. Education**

I hold a Ph.D. in Physical Education and Sports Sciences. I graduated from Gazi University, one of Türkiye's leading institutions in this field.

Following my academic training, I continued my career in higher education and currently serve as a Professor at the Faculty of Sport Sciences at Selçuk University.

My academic focus includes athlete development, Olympic education, and sports management. I have contributed to numerous academic publications, national curriculum designs, and international research projects in these areas.

This academic foundation has greatly shaped my leadership style and my commitment to evidence-based development in the global taekwondo community.

## **D. Vision for WT in next 4-years**

If elected, my vision for the next four years is to strengthen World Taekwondo's global presence by building on its core values: unity, integrity, and excellence.

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My priorities will be:

- Athlete-Centered Development: I will advocate for stronger support systems for athletes at all levels—improved training environments, educational resources, and long-term career pathways both during and after sport.
- Global Expansion and Solidarity: I will focus on expanding taekwondo's reach in underrepresented regions, ensuring all MNAs have equal access to development opportunities, funding, and high-level competitions.
- Digital Transformation: I aim to modernize WT's operations through digital education platforms, virtual events, and enhanced communication tools that connect our community globally.
- Youth and Education: Promoting taekwondo in schools and universities, supporting talent identification programs, and integrating Olympic and moral values into youth training.
- Transparency and Ethics: I will ensure that WT continues to operate with full transparency, ethical leadership, and inclusive governance where every voice is respected.

I believe our sport has the power to shape lives and build peace. Together, we can take taekwondo to new heights while staying true to the traditions that define it.

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