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Sabri Koç was born on November 10, 1946 in Kavakalan, Balıkesir. After finishing the primary school in Kavakalan village, he attended the middle school in Soma, and high school in Balıkesir. He graduated from the English Department of Gazi Teacher Training Institute, Ankara as a teacher of English in June 1968. He worked in Samsun College for two years. He received his BA degree from the Department of English Language and Literature of Hacettepe University in 1972. He did his MA degree in 1976 in language teaching and linguistics at the Department of English Language and Linguistics, Lancaster University, Lancaster, England. After having done his PhD in the Department of Linguistics at Hacettepe University, Ankara in 1982, he was appointed as assistant professor in 1983 at Middle East Technical University (METU), where he started working in 1972. He was appointed as associate professor in curriculum development in 1986 and as professor in English language teaching in 1992 at METU. He worked at several administrative positions such as the chair of the Department of English Language Teaching, assistant dean of the Faculty of Education, the director of the Graduate School of Social Sciences and the Center for Continuing Education at METU from 1983 to 2000.

He conducted over 20 revolving fund, research fund, and Ministry of Education/World Bank national education development projects concerning methodology, curriculum and materials development in English language teaching, computer assisted language learning, in-service training of English language teachers and faculty-school partnership. He organized two international and 3 national conferences. He was granted the “Best Educator” award at METU in 1999 by the METU Development Foundation. He was also granted 3 scholarships by the British Council (1975, 1980, and 1984) and “International Visitor” award (1985) by the American Embassy.

From 2000 to 2011, he worked at Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), where he served as the Chair of the Department of English Language Teaching, the Director of the School of Foreign Languages, the Dean of Faculty of Education at EMU, and the Vice Rector. He also worked at Girne American University as the Director of the Foundation English School in the academic year of 2011-20012.

He was one of the founding members of English Language Education Association – ELEA (İNGED in Turkish) (1995) and he was the president of ELEA in the 1996-1997 term. He used to be a member of international associations such as TESOL, CALICO, ATEE, and EUROCALL. He supervised 22 undergraduate senior research projects, 68 MA and PhD theses. He authored or co-authored 16 books, translated 3 books by Edward de Bono, and published 41 articles (3 co-authored) in both national and international journals and book chapters.

He has been working in the Department of English Language Teaching at Near East University since September 2013. The courses he teaches are in the areas of curriculum development, testing and evaluation in language teaching, teacher development, and using educational technology in language teaching.