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Prof. Serif Ali Tekalan is the Rector of Fatih University, Turkey. He also served as Head of the Board of Trustees at the same University (2000-2005). Concurrently, he is working in two other organizations, as Chairman of the International Association of Universities since 2006, and as Secretary General of Writer's and Journalist's Foundation since 1998.

Previously, Prof. Tekalan worked at the Ege M.F. Clinic as the Chief Assistant, Otolaryngology Department and at Erciyes University as faculty member, Otolaryngology Department. He also served as the Executive Committee Secretary for Medical Research Group of the Turkish Science and Technical Research Institute (TUBITAK). He has been the member of the Higher Education Executive Committee (1993-1997).

Prof. Tekalan graduated from the Ege University in Bornova, Izmir (1969-1976). He specialized in Otolaryngology (Ear, Nose, & Throat) at the Ege M. F.Clinic (1976-1979). He received a full scholarship from the Swiss government and carried out original research that was published in otoneurology and hearing potentials at the Geneva University Medical Faculty's Otolaryngology Clinic.

Prof. Tekalan has published 79 works on the subjects relating to Otolaryngology, 10 of which are in foreign languages. He is the writer of several books. Prof. Tekalan holds the memberships of Ankara Photograph Art Society, Traveller's Club, Turkish ENT Association, Switzerland ENT Society, and France ENT Society.

Panel Discussion – 4: Higher Education, Innovation and Entrepreneurship