Interview with Gultekin Gurdal:
"When you come to COAR, you can listen to all the voices from all over the world"
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Interviewee: Gultekin Gurdal (Izmir Institute of Technology, Izmir, Turkey)
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Anna-Maria Finta: Hello, I am Anna Finta, student at the University of Vienna studying Library and Information Studies. Next to me is Gultekin Gurdal. Am I saying it right?

Gultekin Gurdal: Yes, it's right, very good.

AF: I wanted to welcome you to our university and to our beautiful city. Where do you come from and why did you join COAR?

GG: Thank you very much for inviting me to this interview. I am coming from Turkey, I am working for Izmir Institute of Technology in Izmir. Why I am joining COAR, COAR is the only association collecting all of the related people about institutional repositories. So I also would like to be voice of my country in COAR, an international association.

AF: So what is your role in COAR?

GG: I am audit for the COAR, also I am representing my country in COAR. I am the first member in Turkey to COAR.

AF: Congratulations.

GG: Thank you.

AF: So what is the added value of your participation in COAR?

GG: COAR is a very international organisation. When you came to COAR, you can find opportunity to listen all of the voices from all of the world. Also, COAR members from Turkey have a chance to be the voice of Turkey. I can also take all of these skills to international level, so it's very important for my country.

AF: Worldwide.

GG: Yeah, worldwide.

AF: So how do you see the further developments of your archiving infrastructure and your library in relation with Open Access?

GG: Yeah, my library is using this space – measured of the universities in Turkey – using this space as an institutional repository. Open Access is also a very important issue. We are trying to create awareness of the Open Access in my institution, in my country, too. So, we would like to explain to our managers, university managers, what is the scholarly communication.

Open Access is part of the scholarly communication. We have to know, we have to explain to them how they are going to publish their articles in right journals, how can they publish in Open Access journals. So we have to communicate with them.

AF: That's a great thing to do. Well, Vienna is welcoming Turkey –

GG: Yes, thank you.

AF: – and we want to wish you a pleasant time here in Vienna and in our beautiful country.

GG: Thank you very much. It is my first time in Vienna, I have been in many places in Europe, but it's my first time in Vienna. I really like it. I really like it.

AF: So Vienna is a beautiful place, I know. We wish you to come – you know, next time. Okay, we wish you a pleasant time here, and at the COAR meeting also, and enjoy.

GG: Thank you very much. Thank you.