



## Support to our Turkish colleagues

The three French mathematical societies (SFdS, SMAI and SMF) share the concern of the Scientific Council of the French CNRS which, during its session of November 2016, unanimously adopted the following recommendation :

**The Scientific Council is outraged by and condemns the arrests, persecutions and dismissals of more than a thousand of scientists in Turkey for more than a year : teachers, academics, doctors and PhD students. There can be no great country without free and independent research. We therefore ask that our colleagues be released and reinstated in their positions, regain their freedom of speech and may travel abroad.** We also condemn the latest decree that removes the autonomy of universities. It cancels the elections of the presidents (rectors) of the universities, private and public, and allows the President of the Republic to appoint who he wants in their place, as happened at the Bosphorus University. **We also encourage all initiatives, at the CNRS and in the French Universities, to welcome our scientific colleagues from Turkey who are refugees in France.**

**The three French mathematical societies (SFdS, SMAI and SMF) also express their solidarity with all their colleagues who are discriminated against in Turkey without being able to leave the country.**

They support notably Mustafa Kalafat, mathematician dismissed from his functions at the University of Tunceli and arrested on the Georgian border. He is currently imprisoned and accused to be linked to the Gülenists and the coup attempt of July 2016. They also remain attentive to the fate of Kivanç Ersoy, a mathematician at the Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University in Istanbul, accused of supporting terrorism for signing a petition for peace calling for dialogue and the cessation of armed conflict in Kurdistan. He is awaiting his appeal on December the 22nd, 2016.

You are encouraged to visit the human rights page of the SMF website<sup>1</sup>, for further information, to spread it as much as possible and strongly support our colleagues.

Thank you for your attention.

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1. <http://smf.emath.fr/content/droits-de-lhomme-quelques-dossiers>