
Best Practices of Hosting Institutions in Europe

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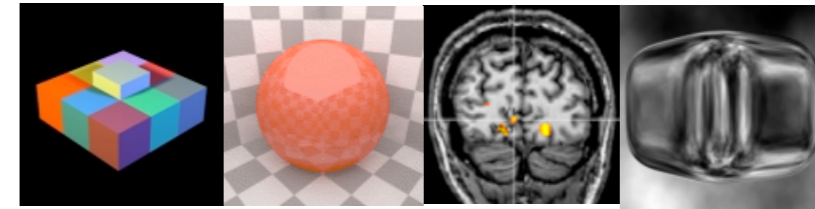
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- Ph.D. (2006, NYU) Experimental Psychology
- Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Bilkent University, Turkey
- Co-director of the Computational and Biological Vision Group at Bilkent  www.vision.bilkent.edu
- Research: Computational Vision, Neuroimaging
- Application for Marie Curie IRG: October 2008

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- Contacted with intention of recruitment in 2007 by the newly established Psychology Department

<http://www.psy.bilkent.edu.tr/>

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- Personal:



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Bilkent - An exemplary Hosting Institution

- non-profit private research university, founded in 1984
- >10,000 students, >1000 academic staff, 9 faculties, 4 professional schools, 6 graduate schools, medium of teaching and research is English
- faculty members are recruited from prominent universities in North America and Europe
- ranks first in Turkey in number of published papers per faculty member and ranks high internationally - according to ISI Citation Indexes (Source: <http://www.yok.gov.tr/istatistikler/istatistikler.htm>).
- has an excellent educational infrastructure, including a modern library and extensive computer facilities
- high emphasis on international scholarly exchange, engaging actively in collaborative research projects, student exchange programs and workshops



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- **Excellent infrastructure:**
 - Newly established high field MR facility
 - Generous laboratory space
 - Research journal subscriptions
 - Software

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 - Cross-departmental exchanges & collaborations (e.g. Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics, Department of Computer Engineering, Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering)

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Further points:

- Competitive salary
- On campus housing provided

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Marie Curie IRG application

- Title: *“Visual Perception of Surface Material Properties - Computational and fMRI investigations of spatio-temporal cues to perceived shininess”*
- Bilkent: Exchange with previous Marie Curie Fellows, referral to TUBITAK contact point
- TUBITAK: helpful, professional guidance through the entire application process

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Conclusion

- Most important factors in attracting research talent to the ERA:
- Emphasis of the hosting institution on excellence in research
- Availability of research funding

Thank you.