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## Füsun Ören

**Füsun Ören** is a Turkish-Canadian,  
born and raised in Turkey and residing in Canada since 1971

**Education:** Graduate of the American Collegiate Institute in Izmir, Turkey

**Work (1959-1971):**

- In Istanbul, Turkey: Caltex; Morrison-Knudsen Overseas Inc.; IBM Turkey
- In Frankfurt, Germany: Central Welfare Fund, US Army Headquarters

**Community volunteer activities in Ottawa and Turkey:**

With expertise in *public relations* and *special events* organizations, her cultural volunteer activities include:

- **Canadian Institute for Mediterranean Studies (CIMS)**, Member of the National Board and the Board of Directors of the Ottawa Branch (2010-present)
- **Canadian and Turkish Women's Association of Ottawa (CATWAO)**, Founder (2004), served as President for two terms and presently is an honorary member
- **Canadian Tulip Festival**, Board member involved in international affairs (1992-2005)
- **Canadian Tulip Festival's Tribute to Turkey, the origin country of the Tulip** (May 1994), As co-chair of the organization committee, coordinated the activities of the extensive program among the three ministries in Turkey (Foreign Affairs, Culture and Tourism, and Industry and Trade), the Canadian Tulip Festival and the Turkish Embassy in Ottawa.
  - As part of the Tribute to Turkey project, facilitated the opening of a photo exhibition in Istanbul in December 1993 of Malak Karsh's tulip photos.
- **The First Bursa Tulip Festival** (May 1998), Initiated and co-organized the Festival, with the cooperation of the Canadian Tulip Festival, Turkish Embassy in Ottawa, the Embassies of Canada, Japan and the Netherlands in Turkey, as well as the Municipality and the Directorate of Parks and Gardens of the City of Bursa (Turkey)
- **Turkish-Canadian Cultural Association**, President (6 one year terms, 1980-1994); honorary member since 1994
- **Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Culture**, Taught English as a Second Language in Community Language and Orientation Programs (1983-1989).

**Awards:**

- She was among the recipients of the "1992 Volunteer Service Award" given by **the Canadian Ministry of Citizenship**; and
- Was granted an award in 1996 by **the Turkish Ministry of Tourism** for her contribution to the promotion of Turkey in Canada.