

Dilsen Oktay

Turkey

Born in Türkiye, and lives in Izmir.

I am the Manager of the family business and olive orchards. I produce olive oil in Gömeç, Balıkesir since 1998.

I own the brand "Ethem Bey Zeytinyağları" and the company DOKTAY, which is focused on food, agriculture, tourism, consultancy and trade. I am planning to build my own factory for 2020/21 production season and grow the business.

1998-2002 Bachelor of Science degree in the Food Engineering in CBU (Celal Bayar University, Manisa, Türkiye)

2002-2004 Master of Science degree in Economic Sciences, Marketing, Finance and Management in MAICh (Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania, Greece)

Thesis topic: "Econometric Analysis of Turkish Olive Oil Sector With Special Reference To EU Membership" 2004-2010 Philosophy degree in Agricultural Economics in Ege University (Izmir, Türkiye) Dissertation topic: "Research Into The Possible Increase of Olive Oil Consumption in The Aegean Region Through Improved Supply Chain Management"

2007 participated in the ONAoo olive oil tasting course in Aydın.

2008 participated in the OLEA olive oil tasting course in the University of Bologna.

Since 2009 I have been working as panelist on the olive oil tasting panel of the Zeytindostu Association, Turkey.

During 2009 – 2016 I worked as a translator and assistant professor in ONAoo olive oil tasting courses.

In 2012 I participated in the UMAO olive oil tasters course (2nd level) in Rome. Also in 2012 I was invited by Paola Fioravanti to be an apprentice judge at the L'Orciolo d'Oro olive oil competition in Italy.

Since 2013 I have been working as the judge of olive oil competition of Zeytindostu Association in Türkiye.

From December 2014 until May 2016 I worked as the olive oil tasting panel leader on the Zeytindostu Association in Türkiye.

I have worked as lecturer of olive growing, olive oil and culinary culture; hygiene and sanitation; food science classes in Culinary Arts and Management Department of Izmir University of Economics between 2015 and 2017.

I participated as judge at the BIOL 2018 in Italy.

In 2017 I have been invited to the Olive Japan Competition, and since then I have been participating as judge every year.

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