

## **Biography: Arif DAVRAN**

Born in Istanbul at September 17, 1950 after Istanbul German School education finished Marmara University in 1978 as a business administrator. He started to work in 1972 at the private sector in big Turkish company's logistics departments and as trader in charge. Turkish Glass Industries, Pro-Eks at the Profilo Group, Fepaş Foreign Trade, Transammonia Inc. as traffic manager for Turkey. At some small companies as broker and as the General Manager of a bulk vessel of a 5500 dwt.



Starting from 1995 he worked at Arkas Group, was one of the nine founders of Arfor Company and Manager of Istanbul Branch. In 2004 he has retired from Arfor and tried to bring small Turkish forwarders in one company. The aim was to market hem more compatible within the global competition. But, the forwarders wanted to keep their independence.

Between 2005 – February 2008 he was Assistant General Manager for sea, land and air operations at the UGL (Unsped Global Logistics). As a result of different management understandings he has resigned and is presently not working. Attended many Conferences Black Sea, CETMO, Clecat, etc. as a speaker and contributor.

Today continues as a board member of UTIKAD, representing UTIKAD at TOBB (The Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey) Sea and Logistics parliaments.

Socially, he is married for 32 years to Neşe and has one daughter. He speaks fluent English and German and is a Member of the Board of UTIKAD (Freight Forwarders and Logistics Providers Association), Moda Sea Club, A&AFM, A&ASR Associations, Head and Facial Reconstructive Operation Foundation Assistant President.