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Mr. Ramazan Asmatulu was born in February 20, 1968 in Andirin/K.Maras – Turkey. He received his High School degree from Osmaniye Mechanical School in 1986. He then worked three years as a mechanical technician in a private company currently producing agriculture machines until he enrolled to Mining Engineering Department of Istanbul Technical University. He received his BS degree on Mineral Processing in 1992 and MS degree on Coking in 1995. While he was doing his Ph.D. studies on 'Combustion of Low Rank Coals' at Istanbul University (uncompleted), he was also teaching Mineral Processing, Coal Preparation and Industrial Minerals classes at the same university. Between 1993 and 1997, he was selected one of the best student, teaching and research assistant and hard working employee in the Mining Engineering Department – Istanbul University and Istanbul Technical University. He was then offered a scholarship in the Department of Mining and Minerals Engineering - Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1997 to pursue a Ph.D. degree. After one and half years of studentship in Mining, he transferred to the Material Science and Engineering Department. Mr. Asmatulu was also nominated to the Award of College of Engineering – Virginia Tech on graduate level in 2001.

He has 1 patent, 6 publications and 13 presentations on professional meetings to his credit. He has been a research associate in the Department of Mining and Minerals Engineering at Virginia Tech and working on the surface chemistry and electrochemistry of the particles since December 2000. His major plan is to be a good faculty member in a university and work on surface chemistry and electrochemistry of the materials. He is a member of the Chamber of Turkish Mining Engineering and the Society for Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration (SME).