



BIOGRAPHY

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TIAX is a technology processingSM and commercialization company. We transform emerging innovations into robust technology platforms ready for hand-off. Leveraging our technologies, laboratories, and links to external innovation sources, we collaborate with our customers in industry and government to create new business opportunities and achieve mission objectives. TIAX is ISO 9001 certified, with offices in Massachusetts and California.

Dr. Sahin is the founder and President of TIAX LLC, a premiere technology processingSM and commercialization firm that accelerates innovation to help clients achieve growth and create an impact in the market—and in people’s lives. TIAX is a laboratory-based company with more than 50 laboratories and 100 engineers and scientists operating in Cambridge, Mass., and Cupertino, California focusing on clean energy, power, chemicals and materials.

Dr. Sahin’s role as President of TIAX continues a long career as academic, technologist and entrepreneur. He received his B.S. (1963) and Ph.D. (1968) both from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and then taught and performed research at MIT, Harvard, and the University of Massachusetts Amherst until 1985. During his academic career, he published extensively in technology and received several teaching awards and obtained U.S. and international patents.

In 1982, Dr. Sahin founded Kenan Systems with a \$1,000 personal investment and no outside funding. The company went on to become a world leader in telecommunications software, employing nearly 1,000 people and with offices in a dozen countries. Both Kenan Systems and Dr. Sahin received numerous awards, including the Ernst & Young New England Entrepreneur of the Year in 1998.

In early 1999, Kenan Systems was acquired by Lucent Technologies and Dr. Sahin became Vice President of Software Technology at Bell Labs and President of Lucent’s Software Products Group, serving in those positions through 2000.

Dr. Sahin was chosen by the World Economic Forum as one of its 40 Technology Pioneers for 2003 and received the New England Business and Technology’s first “Circle of Excellence” award in 2004. In 2006, he was given the Golden Door Award by the International Institute of Boston.

He has published numerous articles. Most recently he addressed the innovation backlog in articles for R&D Magazine and Technology Review. He is also a frequent speaker on the topic of successful implementation of innovation in technology.

Dr. Sahin serves, or has served on, numerous non-profit boards, including those of the Council on Competitiveness (COC), MIT (for whom he is a life member), Argonne National Laboratory, the Boston Museum of Science, the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, Boston Symphony, and the American Field Service. He is also on the Steering Committee of the COC’s Energy Security, Innovation & Sustainability Initiative; and on the External Advisory Board of MIT’s Energy Initiative.

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