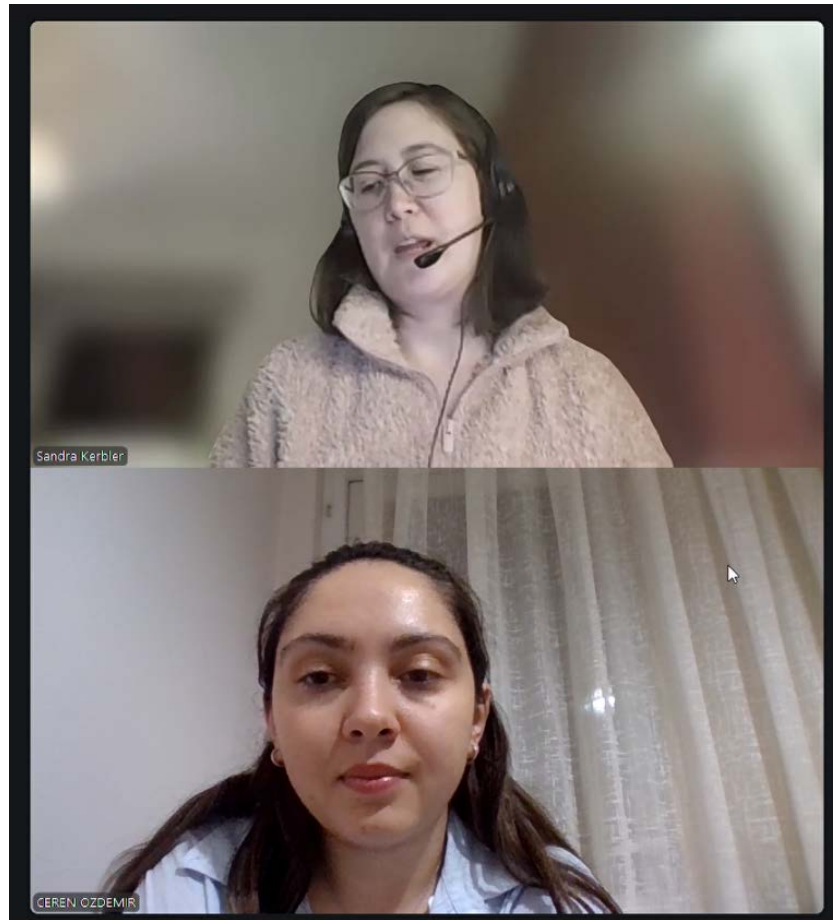


2025 End of the year report Ceren Özdemir - ASPB Ambassador

This was a very productive year as one of the 2025 ASPB ambassador. This was a very developmental and teaching journey that filled with opportunities. I hope I can add up more next year what I've established this year.

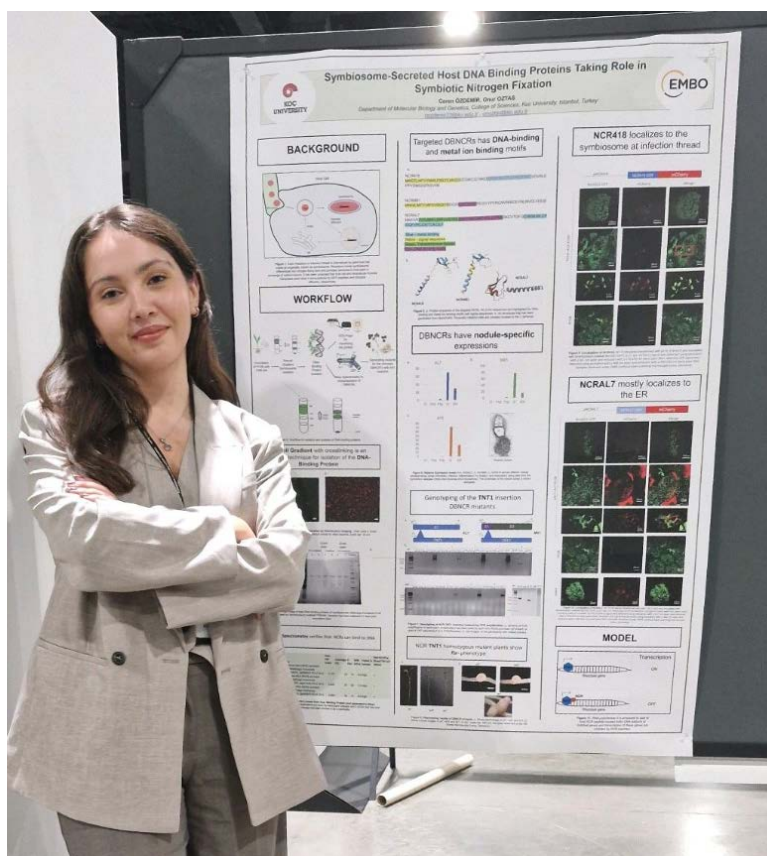
1. SURF Alumni program

During this year, I helped the ASPB SURF program by connecting with the alumnis of the program. I've already connected with 2 of the alumnis and provided their profiles/ interviews to the commitee for this project. (Screenshots and video are taken under alumnis permission.)



2. Plant Biology 2025 Participation, Presentation and Talking About Membership Opportunities

I presented a poster titled "Symbiosome-Secreted Host DNA-Binding Protein Taking Role in Symbiotic Nitrogen Fixation" that highlighted my master thesis research at Biotic Interactions section of Plant Biology 2025 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, at July 26–30, 2025. This provided me valuable feedback about my research just before my thesis defense and lots of connections. At the same time I've informed many of my colleagues about the opportunities that ASPB membership brings within the community, and made some of them members.



3. Helping out with the blog posts

I did a participation on Maren Arling's blog post on "What I wish I knew before graduate school?". It was a good opportunity for explaining what was going wrong in my journey, and what next in line should take care of. It will create a great awareness when it is done and published.