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Dr. Mehmet Erdem (Mehmet) is an Associate Professor at UNLV. He hails from the Mediterranean resort island of Cyprus and has over 25 years of hospitality operations, consulting and teaching experience.

Mehmet's research, teaching, and consulting interests focus on the use and impact of technology in hospitality operations as well as the assessment of training and decision support systems. Since 2007, he has been awarded over \$770K in various research grants and projects where he served as the Principle Investigator or Co-PI. He has published his work in research journals such as International Journal of Contemporary Hospitality Management, Journal of Hospitality & Tourism Research, International Journal of Hospitality Management, Journal of Travel Research, Journal of Hospitality Marketing and Management, and Journal of Hospitality and Tourism Technology.

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His other recognitions include the 2011 Organizational Leadership Award by Global Information Technology Management Association, the 2013 Outstanding Mentor Award by UNLV's Graduate Student Association, the Journal of Hospitality and Tourism Technology's 2012 Best Conference Paper Award as well as the same journal's 2013 Outstanding Research Article Award, and International CHRIE's 2014 W. Bradford Wiley Memorial Best Research Paper of the Year Award. He regularly presents his research at professional and academic conferences in the USA and abroad.

In addition to having served three terms as the elected President of iHITA (the International Hospitality IT Association), he is actively involved as a board/council member in several industry and academic associations as well as publications.