



*General Assembly of the International Federation  
of Surveyors - FIG 2018  
Istanbul Bid Document*



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# *THE BID: AN OVERVIEW*

The Turkish Chamber of Survey and Cadastre Engineers (CSCE) proudly welcomes the opportunity to host the International Federation of Surveyors FIG Congress 2018 in Istanbul, Turkey.

The proposed dates for the Congress are;

**13-21 April, 2018**

**01-09 June, 2018**

**22-30 June, 2018**

We are certain Istanbul will exceed all expectations for a memorable and successful Congress.

This bid has the full support of:

President of the Republic of Turkey: H.E. Abdullah Gül

Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey: H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan

Governor of Istanbul: H.E. Huseyin Avni Mutlu

Mayor of Istanbul: H.E. Kadir Topbas

Our selected venue for the FIG 2018 Congress site is the Istanbul Convention Center (ICC). This modern, state-of-the-art facility is located in the heart of Istanbul, in close proximity to shops, cafes, restaurants, and museums.

This bid is submitted on the basis that the FIG office will be responsible for the budget and organization of the Congress through the auspices of the FIG Congress Director.

The congress will support selected speakers from developing countries by providing 20+ free registration and 50+ free or affordable accommodation. Additional support will be sought from aid programmes, donators or from the congress budget.

Turkey has built very close relations with the Turkish-speaking countries in Mid-Asia. Their focus is now on cadastre and property ownership. As a result, CSCE and FIG plan to jointly hold a workshop on “Property Ownership” as part of the Congress.





# *THE BID: AN OVERVIEW*

For the past ten years the Chamber of Survey and Cadastre Engineers has been organizing the Young Surveyors Days to gather Young Surveyors from all over the World. In parallel with the FIG 2018 congress the Chamber will organize a “Young Surveyors Day”.

We look forward to welcoming the FIG Director to experience the sights and sounds of Istanbul with a site inspection.

## **General**

It is anticipated that the FIG 2018 Congress in Istanbul will attract up to 2000-2500 delegates from all over the world.

The proposed congress dates are;

**13-21 April, 2018**

**01-09 June, 2018**

**22-30 June, 2018**

These dates are suitable for meeting as well as social activities. Istanbul between April-June has a moderate dry climate. The average temperature those times of the year is around 27C.

Istanbul is accessible from all parts of the world. Two alternative International Airports in Istanbul (one in European and the one in the Asian side). Most airline carriers offer non-stop direct flights to Istanbul’s Atatürk International Airport.

The official language of the FIG 2018 Congress conference will be English. If necessary, simultaneous English-Turkish translation will be available. In accordance with the current statutes, the General Assembly will be held in English.

**We look forward to welcoming the International Federation of Surveyors FIG  
2018 Congress to Istanbul, Turkey.**







*Letter of Invitations & Support*





TÜRK MÜHENDİS VE MİMAR ODALARI BİRLİĞİ  
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13/12/2013

**Ms. Louise Friis-Hansen**  
FIG Manager

Dear Louise Friis-Hansen

On behalf of the Chamber of Surveying and Cadastre Engineers, we would like to express our interest to host the FIG 2018 Congress in Istanbul, Turkey

Please and enclosed our proposal prepared in accordance with the Guidelines for Bidding.

With my regards,

Ertugrul CANDAS  
President





**Mr. CheeHai TEO**  
**President**  
**International Federation of Surveyors (FIG)**

It is of my great pleasure to be informed that Istanbul is nominated to host the General Council and the Congress of the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) which is traditionally organized every 4 years in diverse cities of the world.

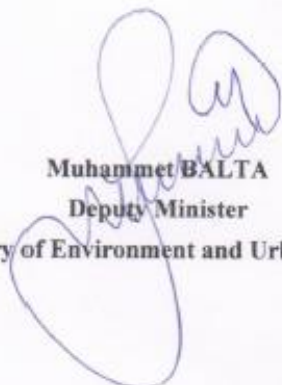
On this occasion, I would like to bring to your attention the enthusiastic support to be provided by the Ministry of Environment and Urbanization to the intended organization; in which educational aspects will be handled and relevant issues including geographical information systems, geodesy, cadastre, urban and rural development as well as comprehensive physical planning along with other crucial subjects will be discussed by renowned experts in the wide spectrum of the event.

I can proudly declare that in our country, cadastre activities and automation of title deed processing have been completed and a particular general directorate has been established within the Ministry which is responsible for geographical information systems. Furthermore, urban transformation projects are extensively proceeding in a nation-wide practice, which provides a diversified laboratory for investigations and assessments alongside revealing professional consequences.

Relying on above mentioned facts, I strongly believe in the importance of hosting esteemed international experts of FIG Congress 2018 in Istanbul by availing an opportunity of close observation, in depth information acquisition and global evaluation of our activities.

Please be kindly advised that the Ministry of Environment and Urbanization will provide its full support and mobilize all its efforts for availing a scientific platform and a social ambiance to FIG 2018 Congress in Istanbul, where wide opportunities for concrete investigations and solid evaluations will be offered for proficient participants.

With my cordial greetings and sincere success wishes,

  
**Muhammet BALTA**  
**Deputy Minister**  
**Ministry of Environment and Urbanization**





İSTANBUL VALİLİĞİ

Mr. CheeHai Teo  
President, FIG  
Kalvebod Brygee 31-33  
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25.11.2013

Dear Mr. Teo,

I am delighted to learn that Istanbul is being proposed as a venue for General Assembly of the International Federation of Surveyors FIG 2018 in Istanbul.

It will be a unique experience for Istanbul, as Turkey's most populous city and its cultural and financial center, bridges Europe and Asia both physically and culturally.

Istanbul is an ideal business, tourism and congress centre with its advanced tourism infrastructure, transportation facilities, conference, exhibition and social event opportunities. The people of Istanbul with all of our civil foundations and institutions will be very happy to show our hospitality to the participants of your organization.

In conclusion, we would like to underline that Istanbul with its considerable experience within the scope of international conferences, is more than ready to host FIG 2018."

I would like assure you and your Union that full support of my Governorship will be for successful realization of this event.

Yours faithfully,

   
Mustafa Kavutcu  
Governor of Istanbul







ISTANBUL METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY

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Mr. CheeHai Teo  
President, FIG  
Kalvebod Brygge 31-33  
DK-1780 Copenhagen  
Denmark

11/12/2013

Dear President CheeHai Teo,

I would like to express that it would be an honor for me and for the citizens of Istanbul to host the "General Assembly of the International Federation of Surveyors" in 2018.

Istanbul is one of the most impressive and attractive cities at the crossroads of Europe and Asia where the unique beauties of East and West come together. In this city, people from all religions and cultures co-exist in peace and perfect harmony. It is an open-air museum adorned with mosques, churches, synagogues, palaces and ancient monuments.

With a population that is just as large as her great potential, Istanbul offers all modern facilities to ensure peaceful and comfortable accommodation for her guests. Our city has hosted and keeps hosting countless international events, congresses and meetings. Among the major events hosted so far in Istanbul are the Eurovision Song Contest 2004, NATO Summit 2004, the Congress of UIA 2005, UEFA 2005 Final Match, Formula-1, Moto-GP, the 4th World Mayors' Summit 2007, the 14th ECAD Mayors Conference, the 5th World Water Forum 2008, IMF Meetings 2009, Asian Mayors Forum 2011, the 4th UN Conference on the Least Developed Countries 2011, the World Economic Forum on the Middle East, North Africa and Eurasia 2012, the 10th UN Forum on Forests 2013 and most recently Istanbul-Gyeongju World Culture Expo 2013. Entitled as the European Capital of Culture in 2010, the city hosted countless cultural and scientific events throughout the year, and Istanbul has further been elected as the European Capital of Sports for 2012.

On this occasion, I would like to express that Istanbul is ready to be the host city of the General Assembly of the International Federation of Surveyors FIG 2018, and the City of Istanbul will duly support the organization. We will be most pleased to see our guests here in Istanbul.

Sincerely Yours,

  
Dr. Kadir TOPBAŞ  
Mayor of Istanbul  
President of the UICG World Organization

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Mr.CheeHai Teo  
President,FIG  
Kalvebod Brygge 31-33  
DK-1780 Copenhagen  
Denmark

Dear Mr. Teo,

We would like to extend our enthusiasm and our full support to host General Assembly of the International Federation of Surveyors FIG 2018 in Istanbul.

Istanbul is a magnificent city with its dynamism, diversity, fascinating history, the warmth and pride of its people, the allure of its heritage and the absolute beauty.

Being the destination of many international organizations and conventions of any scale, Istanbul always fulfills the diverse requirements with its first class facilities and highly experienced professional organizers.

We would like to assure you that Istanbul Convention and Visitors Bureau will give its full support to your distinguished event and provide all necessary coordination you may need with local authorities and local bodies.

Looking forward to welcoming you in our city.

Sincerely Yours,

Elif Balci Fisunoğlu  
General Manager

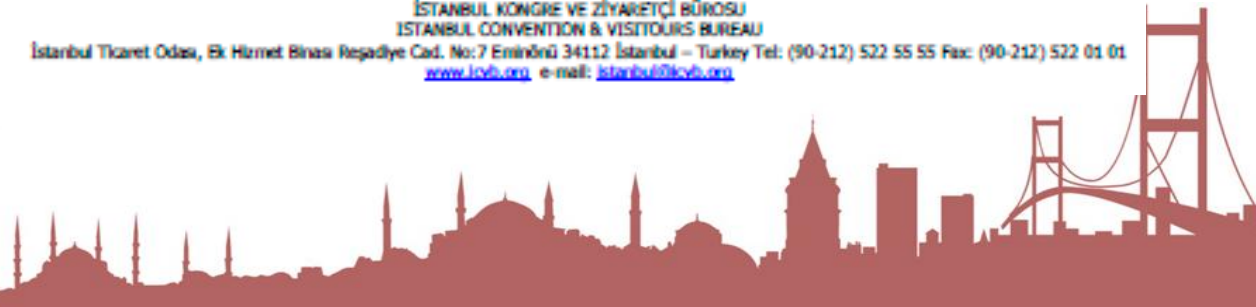


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Mr.CheeHai Teo  
President  
International Federation of Surveyors, FIG

Dear Mr. CheeHai Teo

### **ISTANBUL BID FOR THE FIG 2018 CONGRESS**

I am delighted to support the bid by the General Directorate of Land Registry and Cadastre to host the world congress of FIG in Istanbul in 2018.

In Turkey, the first registries based on the principle of tax begin with Ottoman Empire. Institutionally, the first organization to deal with real estate transactions was found 166 years ago in 1847. Just in the beginning of the establishment of the Republic of Turkey and independent land registry organization was formed in 1924 and the Cadastre Department was added to this structure in 1925. The General Directorate of Land Registry and Cadastre has been carrying out its duty determined by the law in its 22 Regional Directorates, 81 cadastre directorates and 957 land registry directorates, serving 20 million citizens every year as well as producing required basic data for many offices and institutions.

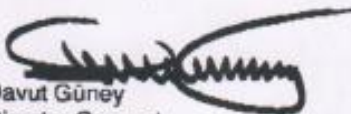
Land registry and cadastre service, today, is a dynamic chain of service covering services such as preparing source data for all kinds of planning and organization on the ground and underground, providing spatial dimension data and displaying topographic structure, producing data that can meet the information need required for economy, law, statistics, management, planning and various different scientific researches as well as all kinds of contractual transactions related to land registry and register of immovable properties, to follow up, and control changes on the registers, to ensure the protection of archive records and documents.

These services have the quality of fulfilling the requirements of our country as well as increasing and changing demands in the international basis, finding solutions, amendable to the expected sensibility and credibility within the framework of laws, capable of using the recent technology of today. Many projects have accomplished within this framework since 2004 till today. It would be seen that every single project will contribute to the development of our country in the short, medium and long term.

I believe that Istanbul can provide a world class venue, a strong cultural, technical, Professional and personal experience for delegates and a balanced program of activities that will ensure the 2018 FIG International Congress is very successful event.

I would greatly welcome a decision to host the International Federation for Surveyors FIG Congress in Istanbul in 2018.

Yours Sincerely,



Davut Güney  
Director General  
General Directorate of Land Registry and Cadastre





Dear Mr. Chee Tai Teo,  
President of FIG

**CONGRESS & GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SURVEYORS 2018**

On behalf of the General Directorate of Agrarian Reform (GDAR), I wish to support the efforts of Turkish Chamber of Surveying and Cadastre Engineers in their bid to host the **Congress & General Assembly of the International Federation of Surveyors 2018** to meet in Istanbul, Turkey.

Turkey is about 75.6 million. The total surface area of Turkey is 778 997 km<sup>2</sup> consisting of 767 415 km<sup>2</sup> (98.5%) of continental land of which 34,13 percent is agricultural land. Of the 24 million ha of agricultural land, 8.5 million ha are irrigable. Turkey is one of the few countries in the world that is self-sufficient in terms of food and providing self-subsistence particularly in rural areas. The Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock, through the General Directorate of Agrarian Reform (GDAR), is implementing a program of land consolidation to address the problems of small and fragmented holdings, poorly shaped land parcels, and lack of access to roads. Projects can also include the provision or rehabilitation of infrastructure (e.g. water canals, pipelines, roads, drainage, etc). Land consolidation works has been scaled up significantly from 2009. In total during 2009 - 2013, 196 projects have been launched including 5 million hectares.

We look forward to welcoming all your members to our warm and friendly country and we would do everything in our capability to ensure that all your delegates will assured a safe & smooth entrance into Turkey.

Yours Sincerely



Dr. Gursel KUSEK  
Director General  
General Directorate of Agrarian Reform







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**Mr. CheeHai Teo,**  
**President**  
**International Federation of Surveyors, FIG**

**Dear Mr. CheeHai Teo,**

As being the head of the Department of Geomatic Engineering in Yıldız Technical University (YTU), I am very proud to hear that İstanbul was nominated to host the FIG International Congress 2018.

The Department of Geomatic Engineering in YTU was founded in June 7, 1949, based on the increase of reconstruction activities and requirements of technical services in Turkey. It is the first department ever established for education and training in this area in the country.

Geomatic Engineering Department in YTU employs 25 faculty members, 25 research scientists, 2 technicians and 4 staff. Our department offers two undergraduate programs (Geomatic Engineering Day and Evening programs) and three graduate programs (Geomatics, Remote Sensing and Geographic Information System, Property Valuation and Development/Non-thesis) accredited by MÜDEK and EURO-ACE. Approximately 1400 undergraduate and 200 graduate students are reading in the department currently. Furthermore, the department sends students abroad with the ERASMUS student exchange program and foreign students are also accepted mutually. In addition, the students from other universities in Turkey are accepted with FARABI domestic student exchange program.

Taking universal values as principles and utilizing from science and technology, our mission is to educate students so that they will have basic professional formation in their field, be able to solve the problems with a scientific and engineering perspective, produce and share knowledge, have high practical skills acknowledged by national authorities together with creative, collaborative, entrepreneurship and leadership abilities and be respectful to ethical values; to give priority to education and training, scientific research, project and consulting services towards the development of the country; to have mission of providing the know-how and production in scientific research, education and research for the benefit of society; to develop a sense of solidarity and cooperation in all areas at national and international levels.

Moreover, our vision is to contribute to the development of the country, become leader in Turkey, and compete at the international level to have a respected position in the international arena with the undergraduate and the graduate education and training, research and project works.

With this respect, we look forward to hosting the International FIG Congress 2018, which is one of the most important global congresses in Geomatics, in İstanbul.

Sincerely,

**Prof. Dr. Serif Hekimoğlu**  
**Head of Department,**  
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**Mr. CheeHai Teo,**  
**President**  
**International Federation of Surveyors, FIG**  
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**MALAYSIA**

December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Dear Mr. CheeHai Teo,

As the President of Hitit University I would like to offer my strong support for the bid to host International Federation of Surveyors FIG International Congress in Istanbul in 2018.

Istanbul is a popular and well regarded congress destination especially for being the headquarters for many businesses and industries. Economically and culturally, it is the pulsating hub of an extensive map, where Central Asia, East Europe, Balkans, Middle East and North Africa converge.

During the past years, Istanbul hosted several major and scientific events. According to ICCA-International Conference and Convention Association Istanbul was launched as Leading Congress Destination in the world. In 2012, totally 11500 world wide organizations were held in Istanbul according to ICCA standards. With seven purpose-built convention centers and three exhibition centers large enough to accommodate even the biggest international fairs, Istanbul can easily accommodate large international congresses. With over 89,000 total guestrooms and 94 five-star and deluxe hotels, Istanbul offers meeting planners a variety of options, including top international and domestic hotel brands.

Settings are important for any event and Istanbul is a meeting place where new ideas and concepts from both continents intermingle on a stage provided by the beautiful historic hills of a city decorated with monuments of bygone superpowers. Most importantly, it is a city that represents civilization, peaceful coexistence and beauty.

With Istanbul's selection as host city for the International Federation of Surveyors FIG Congress in 2018 you can be assured that the event will be successful and memorable.

We look forward to welcoming you and the delegates to Istanbul in 2018.

Yours Sincerely,



**Prof. Dr. Reha Metin ALKAN**  
**President**







*Turkish Chamber of Survey and  
Cadastral Engineers*





# *Turkish Chamber of Survey and Cadastre Engineers*

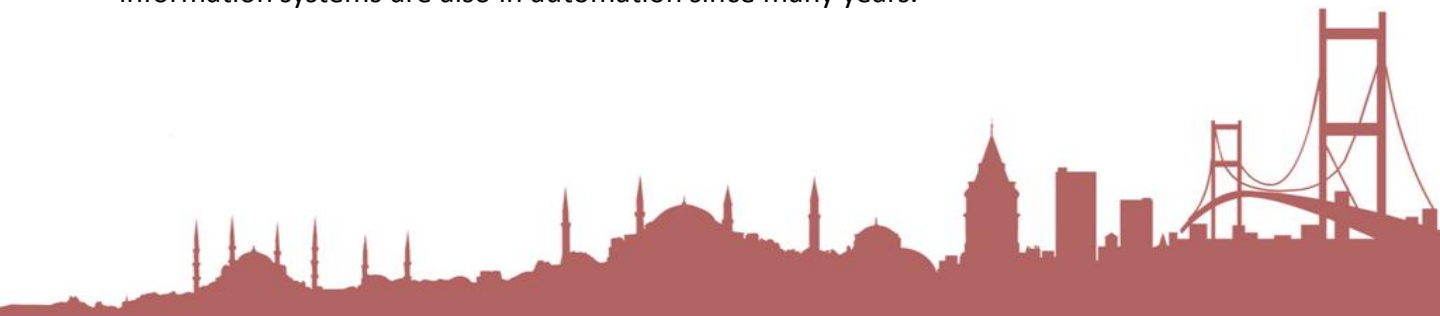
## **Turkish Chamber of Survey and Cadastre Engineers**

Turkish Chamber of Survey and Cadastre Engineers (CSCE) founded in 1954 and has been a member of FIG since 1969. The Chamber headquarters are located in Ankara connecting 10 branches and 150 provincial representations in Turkey. Chamber has about 3,000 members and covers all FIG Commissions and has appointed a delegate to each Commission.

We can state that in our country Turkey and especially in our chamber we experienced crucial developments. Turkey attracts considerable attention due to its economic growth and its diversified projects in recent years. Perhaps the most crucial one among those is the urban regeneration project. Marmaray is a rail transport project in Istanbul. Marmaray connects Europe and Asia which comprises an undersea rail tunnel under the Bosphorus straight, and the modernization of existing suburban railway lines along the sea Marmara. By the completion of the mass housing projects, the country has now the construction site scenes behind whilst the further constructions in motorways and high speed train tracks are still ongoing.

### **In our country;**

- Initial cadastral works have been completed.
- Forest cadastre have also completed as well. Occupied forest lands have been determined and registered nowadays and they are in sold now. Almost 15 billion US dollars is expected from the selling process.
- Turkish RTK CORS network which consists of 147 reference stations is in operation since 5 years.
- Real estate registers are in automation since 8 years.
- National base address information system, citizen information system and court information systems are also in automation since many years.







# *Turkish Chamber of Survey and Cadastre Engineers*

- The World Bank funded cadastre renovation project in nationwide is ongoing.
- Land valuation works are in agenda of Turkey.
- The most important issue with related NSDI is the establishment of general directorate of geographic information system under the Ministry of Environment and Urbanization.
- The sultans of the Ottoman Empire had also attached particular relevance to cadastre like napoleon and registered the locations lying within their territorial hegemony. The automation of these inventorial data extending back to the 15th century has been completed.
- In agricultural lands and rural areas, land consolidation projects which cover 1,000,000 million hectare per year are running.

## **The CSCE has organized the following events;**

TMMOB GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS CONGRESS Ankara, 11-13 NOV. 2013

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON GLOBAL NAVIGATION SATELLITE SYSTEMS (ISGNSS-2013)  
İstanbul, 22-25 OCT. 2013

1ST INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON URBAN REGENERATION Ankara, 7-8 Oct. 2013

12TH SUMMER TRAINING CAMP İzmir, 24 AUG. – 1 SEPT. 2013

URBAN REGENERATION WORKSHOP (İZMİR BRANCH) İzmir, 26-27 June 2013

PANEL DISCUSSION ON "RELATION BETWEEN URBAN REGENERATION AND PROEPRTY OWNERSHIP, PROPERTY APPRAISAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS"  
(BURSA OFFICE)  
Kütahya, 19 June 2013





# *Turkish Chamber of Survey and Cadastre Engineers*

**The CSCE has organized the following events;**

14TH TURKISH SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SURVEYING CONGRESS Ankara, 14-17  
May 2013

PANEL DISCUSSION ON URBAN REGENERATION-TUS AND SURVEYING ENGINEERING  
İzmir, 2 MAY 2013

MEETING OF CADASTRE FREELANCERS Ankara, 6 April 2013

SOCIAL WORKSHOP FOR SURVEYING ENGINEERS IN ISTANBUL İstanbul, 14-17 March  
2013

GEODESY COLLOQUIUM PROF. ERGÜN ÖZTÜRK Kocaeli, 15 March 2013

PANEL DISCUSSION ON URBAN REGENERATION AND GIS Niğde, 15 Feb. 2013

STUDENT ASSOCIATION MEETING Ankara, 16 Dec. 2012

PANEL DISCUSSION ON ZONING POLICIES AND URBANISATION - URBAN  
REGENERATION - TUS AND SCIENTIFIC LIABILITY Diyarbakır, 01 Dec. 2012

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHICAL INFO. SYSTEMS DAY EVENT Bursa, 28 Nov. 2012

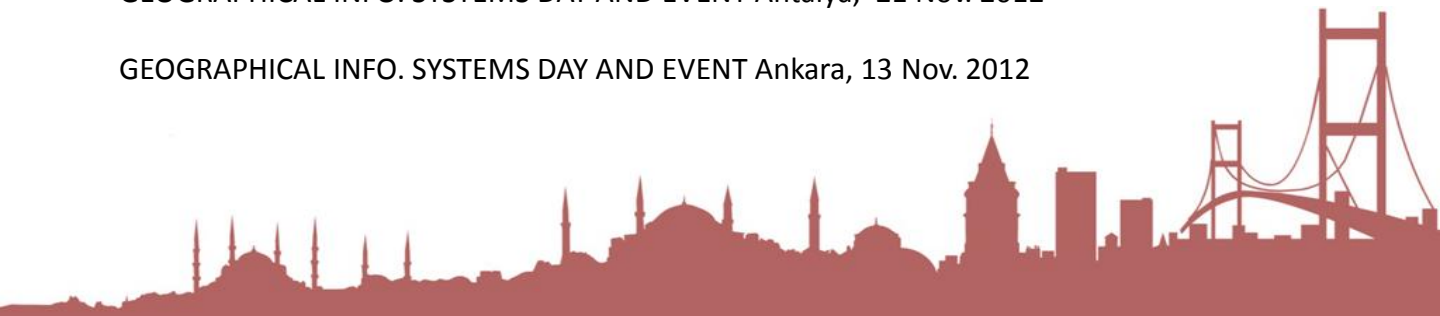
LAND MANAGEMENT DAYS İstanbul, 15-17 Nov. 2012

GEOGRAPHICAL INFO. SYSTEMS DAY AND EVENT Sivas, 20 Nov. 2012

GEOGRAPHICAL INFO. SYSTEMS DAY AND EVENT Giresun, 19 Nov. 2012

GEOGRAPHICAL INFO. SYSTEMS DAY AND EVENT Antalya, 21 Nov. 2012

GEOGRAPHICAL INFO. SYSTEMS DAY AND EVENT Ankara, 13 Nov. 2012





# *Turkish Chamber of Survey and Cadastre Engineers*

**The CSCE has organized the following events;**

CONFERENCE ON FUTURE OF CADASTRE POLICIES Trabzon, 06 Nov. 2012

LAND MANAGEMENT DAYS İstanbul, 15-17 Nov. 2012

IV. UZAL GIS SYMPOSIUM Zonguldak, 16- 19 Oct. 2012

6TH SYMPOSIUM ON ENGINEERING MEASUREMENTS Afyon, 3-5 Oct. 2012

11TH SUMMER TRAINING CAMP İzmir, 25 AUG. - 2 SEPT. 2012

SYMPOSIUM ON PROPERTY APPRAISAL AND CADASTRE IN LAND MANAGEMENT  
Ankara, 22-23 May 2012

PANEL DISCUSSION ON ZONING POLICIES AND LEGAL CHALLENGES Adapazarı, 16  
Dec. 2011

SYMPOSIUM - INAUGURATION OF GEOMATICS ENGINEERING DEPT. - CUMHURİYET  
UNIVERSITY  
Sivas, 17-18-19 Nov. 2011

3TH TMMOB CONGRESS ON GEOGRAPHICAL INFO. SYSTEMS  
Antalya, 31 Oct. - 04 Nov. 2011

PANEL DISCUSSION ON PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND FUTURE OF SURVEYING  
ENGINEERING  
Gümüşhane, 14 Oct. 2011

CONFERENCE ON PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND FUTURE OF SURVEYING  
ENGINEERING  
Trabzon, 13 Oct. 2011





# *Turkish Chamber of Survey and Cadastre Engineers*

**The CSCE has organized the following events;**

Forum on "TMMOB's History, Present and Future" and Panel Discussion on "Zoning Policies and Regulations on Title Deed Plans"  
Denizli, 29 July 2011

CONFERENCE ON USE OF SUPPORT STAFF IN SURVEYING ENGINEERING  
27 MAY 2011  
ARTVİN

CONFERENCE ON USE OF SUPPORT STAFF IN SURVEYING ENGINEERING  
Artvin, 27 MAY 2011

YOUNG SURVEYORS DAY 2011  
Kocaeli, 13-15 May 2011

FORUM ON ZONING POLICIES AND URBANISATION  
Sanliurfa, 06-May 2011

13TH TURKISH SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SURVEYING CONGRESS  
Ankara, 18-22 April 2011

PANEL DISCUSSION ON REGULATIONS ON LAND REGISTRY PLANS, LAYOUT PLANS,  
INDEPENDENT UNIT PLANS AND TOPOGRAPHIC APPLICATION LIABILITY  
Bursa, 11 FEB. 2011







*Motivation for the FIG 2018*





# *Motivation for the FIG 2018*

The Turkish Chamber of Survey and Cadastre Engineers (CSCE) proudly welcomes the opportunity to host the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) Congress 2018 in Istanbul, Turkey. The proposed dates 22-30 June, 2018. We are certain Istanbul will exceed all expectations for a memorable and successful congress. It is anticipated that FIG 2018 Congress in Istanbul will attract up to 2000-2500 delegates from all over the world and nearly 300 from Turkey.

This geographical area has not hosted any FIG congress, which is held every four years, before. Holding the congress in Istanbul will offer a range of scientific and economic benefits to the city, on one hand, and help our country underline the significance of the role it plays as both a regional and global hub for technology and tourism, on the other hand.

CSCE has been an active member of FIG since 1969. CSCE is now a candidate to host the 2018 FIG General Assembly and Congress in order to provide a platform where countries and organizations can share their professional experiences, projects, latest methods and technology used, and to raise awareness on a global scale by holding technological exhibitions to promote modern technological developments, and organizing technical and leisure trips.

Since 2005, CSCE has been voicing its wish to host a FIG congress at the FIG congresses and Working Week events held in various countries. Accordingly, CSCE had made the necessary preparations to that end and submitted a candidacy application for hosting the 2014 FIG General Assembly and Congress. However, CSCE had lost with only two votes in the voting held to select the country to host the 2014 FIG General Assembly and Congress. The preparations and efforts we have been making at CSCE since 2005 show how strong our urge to host a FIG congress. No such big efforts have ever been made by any other country in FIG's history. Refusing Turkey the right to host a FIG congress despite all these efforts makes our country and professional community sad.

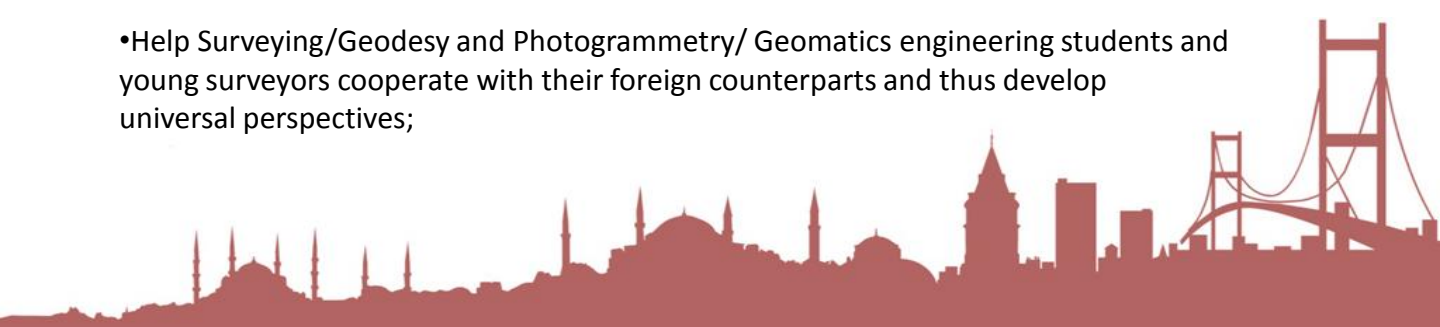






# *Motivation for the FIG 2018*

**Some of the essential motives behind our wish to host the congress in Turkey are as follows:**

- Increase awareness about the importance of Surveying/Geodesy and Photogrammetry /Geomatics engineering among all public and private organisations in Turkey;
  - Ensure cooperation between our volunteers and foreign colleagues visiting Turkey to attend the Congress;
  - Increase the number of scientific research projects and articles as much as possible; Contribute to the development and application of large-scale projects in public organisations and institutions;
  - Help the private sector restructure itself to adopt a new approach to the industry;
  - Ensure information exchange among scientists and encourage development of applications;
  - Improve qualified workforce to a considerable extent;
  - Promote our industry and country to the rest of the world;
  - Increase in the number of survey engineering departments at universities and thereby in the potential for workforce;
  - Rapid increase in the need for information and experience exchange among experts at an international level;
  - Encourage our members to actively participate in FIG's activities and commissions;
  - Help Surveying/Geodesy and Photogrammetry/ Geomatics engineering students and young surveyors cooperate with their foreign counterparts and thus develop universal perspectives;
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# *Motivation for the FIG 2018*

- Make efforts to encourage neighbouring countries and the experts living in them to join FIG.

Hosting the congress in Turkey will enable us to ensure that the current professional practices in Turkey be evaluated by experts to address and develop solutions for professional deficiencies, awareness in our professional community be improved, professional information and ideas be exchanged among experts, and that the projects conducted in our country be promoted to and discussed with foreign experts.

Turkey has built very close relations with the Turkish-speaking countries which acquired their independence after 1990 and with which we share a common language, a common history and a common memory, and paved the path towards strengthening both bilateral and regional relations. This approach has in recent years further grown, stretching into Mid-Asia, Eastern Europe, North and Central Africa and on into the Middle East where many development projects are being supported by Turkey, both financially and technically.

The Survey, Land Registry and Cadastre industry in Turkey has been experiencing considerable improvements and organising professional events with all of its segments as it feels the need to share its experience with the neighbouring countries. Each of these countries is striving to become a globally recognized centre of attraction in terms of our profession. Their focus is now on cadastre and property ownership.

As a result of the need mentioned above, CSCE and FIG plan to jointly hold a workshop on “Property Ownership” as part of the Congress. Thus, closer ties between these countries and FIG will be built through these events to help FIG acquire new members in an effort to expand its presence in the world.

The congress will support selected speakers from developing countries by providing 20+ free registration and 50+ free or affordable accommodation. Additional support will be sought from aid programmes, donors or from the congress budget.







# *Motivation for the FIG 2018*

Besides looking after effective coordination in professional engagements, various activities are also carried out at CSCE, whereby specific importance is attached to the training of freshmen. Young Surveyors Days and summer camps are the most significant events launched for such an aim, in which the students of Surveying/ Geomatics engineering departments are hosted and subjected to a 10 day training course in summer. In context of these organizations which take place on the seaside, the trainees are gaining technical, social and administrative skills, as well. Naturally, other occasional entertainment organizations, animation actions and music contests are not neglected. In this respect, we are gladly ready to host 4-5 students in our premises as to be nominated by the FIG management.

For the past ten years, CSCE has been organizing the Young Surveyors Days to gather Young Surveyors from all over the World. In parallel with the FIG 2018 congress CSCE will organize a “Young Surveyors Day”.

**We look forward to welcoming the FIG Director to experience the sights and sounds of Istanbul with a site inspection.**





# *Motivation for the FIG 2018*

This year, i.e. 2013, UNESCO celebrates the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the World Map drawn by Piri Reis, a renowned Turkish-Ottoman admiral and cartographer, in 1513. It gives us great motivation and enthusiasm to meet cartographers and surveyors from around the world in Turkey, and we believe it should be celebrated by our colleagues and industry across the world. We are very happy and proud in that respect.

“Piri Reis is one of the foremost names in the history of Turkish cartography and navigation. In the 16th century Ottoman cartography made a major leap forward with the maps and charts drawn by Piri Reis. This large scale world map that he drew in 1513 demonstrates his knowledge and skill. It shows south-western Europe, northwest Africa, southeast and central America, and gives written information about the New World. It is a portolan chart without latitudinal or longitudinal lines, showing only the coasts and islands. As Piri Reis himself explains, he made use of the map of America drawn by Christopher Columbus in addition to other earlier European and Islamic maps, as well as his own observations.”

At least following universities, governmental institutions and ministries will support the local organizing committee and congress director in the planning and organization of local functions including social, technical and post congress tours with coordinating alternative aspects of the program;

- Ministry of Environment and Urbanization
- General Directorate of Land Registry and Cadastre
- General Command of Mapping
- General Directorate of Geographical Information System
- General Directorate of Agrarian Reform
- General Directorate of Geospatial Planning
- Istanbul Governor’s Office
- Istanbul Greater Municipality
- Istanbul Technical University,
- Yildiz Technical University,
- Hitit University,
- Okan University

It is anticipated that the FIG 2018 Congress in Istanbul will attract up to 2000 -2500 delegates from all over the world. The proposed congress date is 22-30 June, 2018. These dates are suitable for meeting as well as social activities.







*Why Istanbul?*





# Why Istanbul?

## **Istanbul;**

- World's #1 congress destination with more than 500 delegates
- The only major city on two continents
- 6th tourism destination in the world (in 2012)
- Over 10 million visitors in 2013
- Capital of the world's three greatest empires: the Roman, Byzantine & Ottoman
- Diverse with its Ancient walls, churches, palaces and mosques
- Istanbul has a remarkable seven purpose-built convention centers and three exhibition centers large enough to accommodate 30.000 delegates



## **Award-winning International Airports**

- Two International airports served by over 300 international airlines
- 3rd airport by 2015 will be the Europe's biggest with 150 million capacity

## **World's #1 airline flying to most countries: Turkish Airlines**

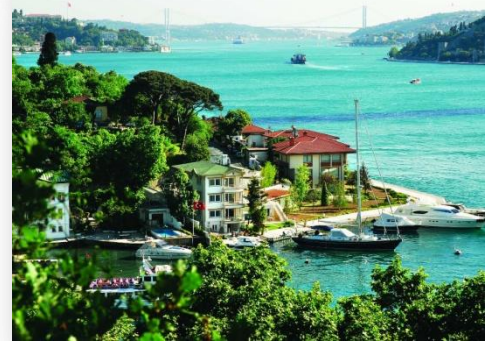
- “Best Airline in Europe” in 2011, 2012 & 2013
- Direct flights to over 240 destinations worldwide
- A Star Alliance member

## **Superior Accommodations**

- Almost 100,000 guestrooms
- Over 40,000 five-star and four-star guestrooms
- 94 five-star and deluxe hotels
- Traditional Turkish hospitality and outstanding local and international cuisine

## **Easy VISA Requirements**

- Citizens of 71 countries require no visa to enter Turkey
- e-Visa application system offers to its applicants a comfortable and practical way to obtain visa
- Citizens of an additional 97 countries can obtain an e-visa



# *Istanbul: Leading Congress Destination*

Istanbul is a bridge connecting not only the East and the West, but also the past and the future. Istanbul, the country's cultural and economic capital, has been an attractive settlement for various civilizations since ancient times. Today, the city is visited each year by millions of travelers who come to catch a glimpse of its ancient city walls, enchanted churches, palaces and mosques, while savoring the delightful flavors of the city's rich cuisine. Istanbul offers an unforgettable experience with its colorful daily life and dynamic nightlife. It is also an attractive destination for international meetings with its world class accommodation and convention facilities.

The city hosted many important and large scale international congresses with success within the past 10 years and first broke into the world's Top 10 Congress Destinations in 2010. In 2012, hosting 128 congresses, a 15 congress increase over 2011, making the city the 9th most popular congress destination worldwide and 8th in Europe.

Istanbul has a remarkable seven purpose-built convention centers and three exhibition centers large enough to accommodate even the biggest international fairs. With almost 100.000 guestrooms and 94 five-star and deluxe hotels, Istanbul offers meeting planners a variety of options, including top international and domestic hotel brands, at a variety of price points.

Moreover, Istanbul offers three separate but integratable meeting and exhibition clusters in the Airport District, the Conference Valley and the Golden Horn, augmented by a growing range of meeting facilities on the Asian side of the city. This provides planners with unrivaled flexibility and the confidence of knowing that all facilities are new and offer the latest audiovisual and event technology. Another factor in the city's outstanding performance is its easy accessibility from anywhere in the world. Turkish Airlines, Turkey's flag carrier and a member of the Star Alliance and the World's #1 airline to flying to most countries than any other airline offers daily direct flights between Istanbul and more than 240 cities worldwide.





# *Istanbul: The Ultimate Metropolis*

## **Historic Peninsula**

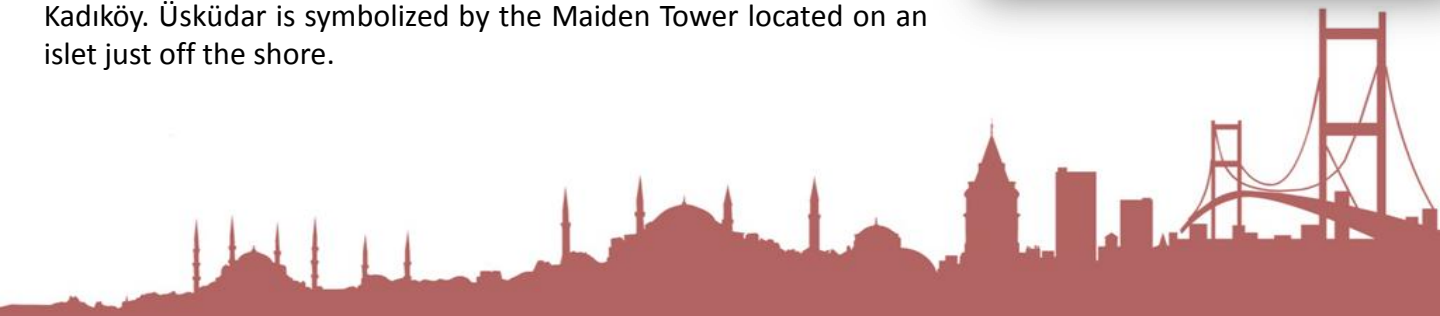
As the former capital of the Byzantine and Ottoman empires, present day Istanbul retains the history that emerged from the city and integrates its historical values to the modern life. Sultanahmet, located at the center of the historic peninsula, is where most of the Istanbul's famous historical sights are located. Hagia Sophia and the Blue Mosque are both situated in this dynamic part of the city. A few hundred meters away is the world famous Grand Bazaar, which for the past six centuries has been a center for the trading of gold and authentic Turkish products. The nearby Basilica Cistern is a breathtaking venue for banquets and special events. North of the historic peninsula, across the Golden Horn, is Galata, crowned by the Galata tower. Galata, Beyoğlu and the İstiklal Street accommodate much of the city's nightlife venues.

## **The Heart of the City: Beyoğlu**

Beyoğlu, Istanbul's culture and entertainment center, has always been a meeting point for cultures and people. The multiculturalism of this vibrant district is abundantly reflected in architecture, daily life and culinary culture. İstiklal Street is the heart of this large district full of cinemas, theaters, restaurants, cafes, bars, and clubs. North of the Taksim Square is the newer part of the city.

## **The Spectacular Bosphorus**

The Bosphorus, separating Asia and Europe, is the ultimate treasure and beauty of Istanbul. Both banks of the Bosphorus are decorated by characteristic, wooden waterside mansions, symbols of the old tradition of large, wealthy families residing on the Bosphorus' shores. Fishing dominates life on the Bosphorus thanks to the fertile sea that brings shoals of fresh fish daily and on every shore of the Bosphorus are restaurants serving delicious seafood. North of Beşiktaş you arrive at Ortaköy, whose cafés, restaurants and bars are enjoyable day/night. Across the Bosphorus to the east is the Asian side centered on the historical districts of Üsküdar and Kadıköy. Üsküdar is symbolized by the Maiden Tower located on an islet just off the shore.





# Simple Visa Requirements

Turkey offers many facilities concerning its visa policy. Visas can be obtained from Turkish Embassies abroad or at the airport (Many of the visas can be purchased for approximately £ 10 or \$ 20) . As the rules may often change, it's wise to check regularly <http://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa> to receive updated information.

## Electronic Visa Application

**Citizens of an additional 97 countries can obtain an e-visa\***

Turkey's e-Visa application system offers to its applicants a comfortable and practical way to obtain visa. E-visa is an endorsement allowing the bearer to enter Turkey.

As of April 17, 2013, electronic visa (e-Visa) replaces "sticker visa" which was issued at the border crossings. Applicants obtain their visa electronically after entering required information and making payment by credit card. After successful application, e-Visa is e-mailed to the applicant. Applicants must print out their e-Visa, show it to airport officials and customs officers and carry it with them at all times during the travel. Passports should be valid at least six months longer than the expiry date of the requested visa. E-Visa is only valid for tourism or trade purposes.

For more information: <https://www.evisa.gov.tr/>

*\*Duration of visa; differs from country to country min. 30 days up to 90 days*

**e-Visa**





# *Simple Visa Requirements*

## Countries whose citizens are allowed to enter Turkey with their national ID's

**Germany** (Passports expired within the last year / ID's expired within the last year), **Belgium** (Passports expired within the last 5 years), **France** (Passports expired within the last 5 years) , **Georgia** , The **Netherlands** , **Spain** (Passports expired within the last 5 years) , **Switzerland** (Passports expired within the last 5 years) , **Italy** , **Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus**, **Lichtenstein** , **Luxemburg** (Passports expired within the last 5 years) , **Malta** , **Portugal** (Passports expired within the last 5 years) , **Greece**

## Citizens of the countries listed below are eligible for e-Visa

*Afganistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua-Barbuda, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Barbados, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, China, Congo, Comoros, Cote de'Ivoire, Croatia, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea – Bissau, Greek Cypriot Administration Sourthern Cyprus, Haiti, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of PRC, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Jamaica, Kenya, Kuwait, Lesotho, Leberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Maldives, Mexico, Moldova, Mozambique, Namibia, Netherland, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Portugal, Poland, Qatar, Rwanda, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra, Leone, Slovakia, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Swaziland, Taiwan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America, Vietnam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.*



# Estimated Daily Expenses in Istanbul

Istanbul is an extremely affordable destination, requiring less from your delegates for quality basics than many other cities.

Estimate Daily Expenses	Euro/ €	Turkish Lira/ TL
Water (250 ml)	0,18	0,50
Coffee	1,07	3,00
Tea	0,54	1,50
Sandwich	0,71	2,00
Burger	0,71	2,00
Turkish Bagel (Simit)	0,36	1,00
Metro	0,70	1,95
Taxi (km)*	0,68	1,90



The city has an integrated electronic ticket system which uses smart RFID cards called **Istanbulkart**. 'Istanbul Card' used in almost all transportation vehicles which approximately 4 € and can be purchased from offices near major transport interchanges all around the city.

## Currency:

The Turkish Lira is the official currency in Turkey while the exchange rate is set on a daily basis. It is easy to find a bank or an exchange office while traveller's checks can be cashed at in most banks. Foreign currencies are accepted at hotels, many shops and restaurants. All major credit cards are accepted in hotels, restaurants and shops.

**Exchange Rate:** Indicative Exchange Rates Announced at 13:30 on 13/12/2013 by the Central Bank of Turkey

**1 TL = 2.77 €**  
**1 TL = 2.04 \$**





# Proposed Dates

The proposed dates are as below;

**April, 13 – 21**

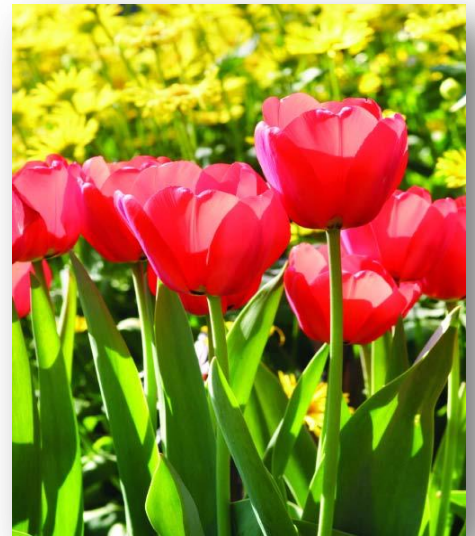
**June, 1 – 9**

**June, 22– 30**

As Istanbul; the world's one of the most ancient metropolis with its rich history and wonderful nature. Combining the mediterranean and the Black Sea climate types, Istanbul is a city where four seasons can be experienced. As the proposed dates from May to July considered as Spring season where, Tulips and judas trees are everywhere in İstanbul, which transforms the metropolis into a refreshing and adorable place. As Istanbul is the only city in the world spanning two continents, a wide range of natural attractions, the city offers a striking range of historic structures, from palaces to cisterns to waterfront mansions in dramatic locations. Wide choices of historic venues unique to Istanbul which their outdoor facilities are available during proposed dates as well.

**The min and max temprature between proposed dates are;**

Month	Low	High
January & February	5°C	9°C
March & April	9°C	18°C
May	14°C	24°C
June	18°C	27°C
July & August	20°C	33°C
September & October	16°C	23°C
November & December	6°C	13°C



**National/Religious holidays, details as below;**

April 23rd National Sovereignty and Children's Day, May 19th The Commemoration of Atatürk Youth and Sports Day, August 30th Victory Day, and October 29th Republic Day. Our proposed dates are not in any of the above dates.

**Moreover, there are not any confirmed major events during the proposed dates.**



# Past Reference List\*

\*With more than 2.500 delegates

## 2009

Congress Name	attendees
5th World Water Forum	17.500
11th European Congress of Endocrinology -EFES-	3.000
5th World Congress of the International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine -ISPRM-	3.000
60th International Congress of Pharmaceutical Sciences -FIP'09	3.200
22nd Congress of the European College of Neuropsychopharmacology -ECNP-	6.000
64th Annual Meeting of the Boards of Governors of the International Monetary Fund & the World Bank Group	15.000

## 2010

INTERGEO East Trade Fair and Conference	2.500
6 European Social Forum -ESF-	20.000
14 International Business Forum -IBF- Congress	3.000
14th International Business Forum -IBF- Congress	3.000

## 2011

2nd Istanbul International World Water Forum	8.000
LDC Summit-Least Development Countries	15.000
18th European Congress on Obesity -ECO 2011-	3.000
Annual Meeting of the European Academy of Allergology and Clinical Immunology -EAACI 2011-	10.000
12th European Congress of Psychology ECP 2011	3.000
15th RoboCup International Symposium	2.500
17th Congress of the Federation of European Companion Animal Veterinary Associations -FECAVA-	6.000
XIX World Congress on Safety and Health at Work-ISSA/ILO-	5.000
Entrepreneurship, Values and Development: A Global Agenda	3.500

## 2012

15th International Inner Wheel Convention -IIW-	3.500
28th Annual Meeting of the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology -ESHRE-	12.000
30th World Congress on Endourology and Extracorporeal Shock Wave Lithotripsy -WCE 2012-	3.000
23rd International Congress of the European Society of Pediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care -ESPNIC-	3.000
4th Congress of the European Academy of Paediatric Societies-EAPS	3.000

## 2013

Young Presidents' Organization Global Leadership Summit -YPO	2.500
PMI Global EMEA Congress	3.000
Annual Meeting of the European Bank for Reconstruction & Development -EBRD-	2.500
European Renal Association-European Dialysis and Transplant Association ERA-EDTA	8.000
14th European Congress on Orthopaedics -EFORT	7.000
44th International Congress and 47 General Assembly of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry -IUPAC	3.000
FDI Annual World Dental Congress	15.000
25th Conference of the European Association for International Education -EAIE	4.000
22nd International Congress of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology -EADV	4.000
Lions 50th Europa Forum	3.000





*Proposed Venue:  
Istanbul Congress Center*





# *Istanbul Congress Center*

## **ISTANBUL CONGRESS CENTER (ICC)**

The Istanbul Congress Center comprises a world class technological infrastructure, Professional staff and unrivalled quality of service to guests, making the organization the shining star of Turkey in the regional and international arena. With an auditorium of 3.705 seating capacity and the only congress center in Turkey that can simultaneously host different events on each floor and answer to every need, ICC is one of the few elite event complexes in the world with its modern architecture and wide range of facilities. Istanbul Congress Center has taken its place in tourism sector as the biggest congress and fair complex in Turkey and the honor of Turkey of national and international organizations. Moreover, within easy walking distance of hotels and close to the Taksim cultural district as well as shopping, dining and nightlife.

Istanbul Congress Center –built over an area covering 119.500 entertains its guests at national and international platforms with its;

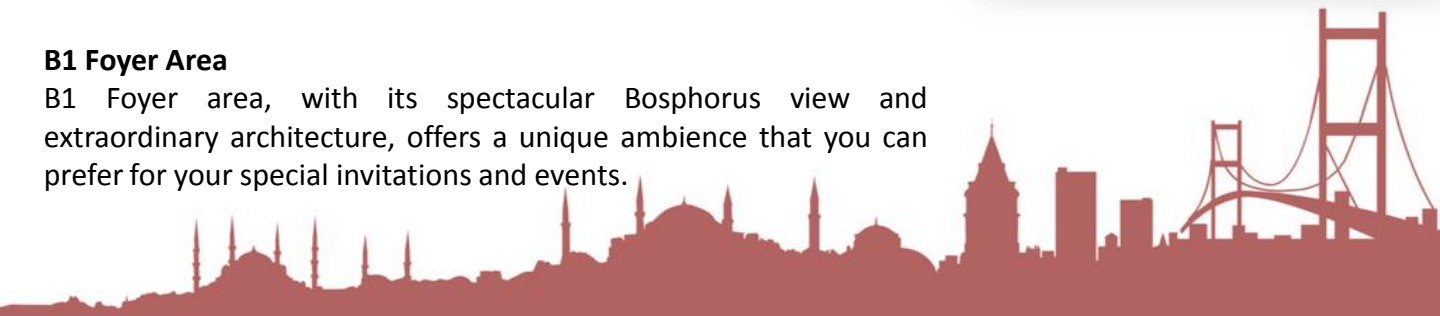
- › Auditorium with 3705 seats,
- › 115 meeting rooms conforming to international standards,
- › 4.500 open area,
- › 16.000 fair center,
- › Car parking with a capacity of 850 vehicles.
- › Istanbul Congress Center is composed of 7 floors in total.
- › 9 main meeting halls with 6m ceiling height provide an opportunity to utilize up to 1300.

## **HARBIYE AUDITORIUM**

Harbiye Auditorium, with its sophisticated infrastructure, distinctive acoustic architecture, 518 stage area, 3705 seats and 24 simultaneous cabs, is capable of hosting a variety of events including performing arts and international congresses. Another feature which distinguishes Harbiye Auditorium is that it can be separated with mobile curtain system. This system makes possible to host in different size of people.

## **B1 Foyer Area**

B1 Foyer area, with its spectacular Bosphorus view and extraordinary architecture, offers a unique ambience that you can prefer for your special invitations and events.



# *Istanbul Congress Center*

## **B2 Floor**

It has a variety of rooms with various sizes from 180 to 1300 that can offer alternative in compliance with events.

## **B2 Foyer Area**

Food and drink service is available for guests in the halls.

## **Üsküdar Hall 1300**

Üsküdar Hall –the 2nd biggest meeting hall of Istanbul Congress Center- has 1300 net area, within 6,2 meter ceiling height, 8 simultaneous rooms and 1404 seating capacity in theatre style. Üsküdar Hall can also be separated within sound proof shutter into 3 different halls and can be organize 3 different meetings at the same time.

## **Beyazıt Hall 781**

781 Beyazıt Hall of Istanbul Congress Center, which can be used with various seating arrangements, is capable of hosting comfortable meetings with 744 theater capacity and 300 classroom capacity. Beyazıt Hall also supports with its 6 simultaneous translation rooms.

## **Emirgan Hall 774**

Emirgan Hall is capable of hosting a variety of organizations with its 774 area, 6,2 m ceiling height, 680 seats theatre and 308 class arrangement capacity.

## **Çamlıca Hall 580**

Çamlıca Hall has 580 net usage area, 4 simultaneous rooms and 528 seats in theatre arrangement.

## **Beylerbeyi Hall 520**

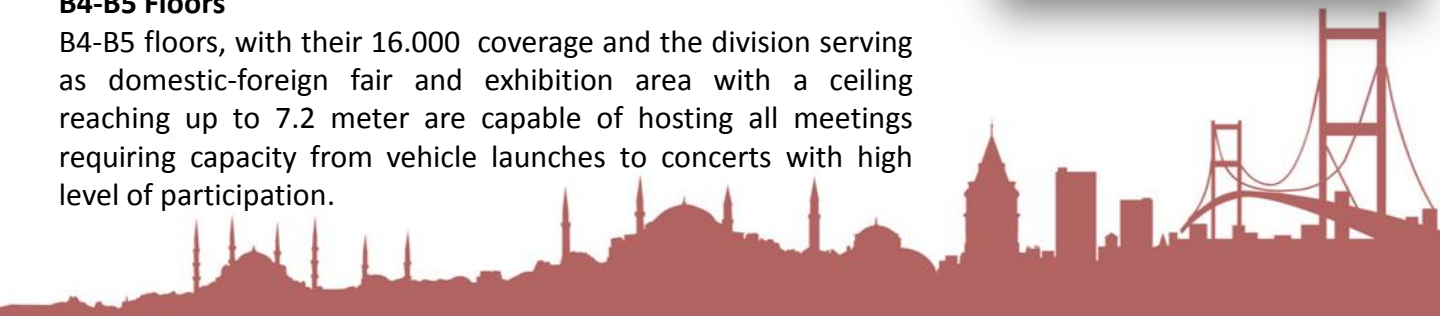
Beylerbeyi Hall renders service with its 384 seats capacity in theater arrangement and 300 seat capacity in feast arrangement in 520 usage area. The hall has 4 simultaneous translation rooms and can be separated into two parts with soundproof separation system.

## **B3 Floor**

B3 floor includes 90 work shop halls, having all kind of technical equipment have been designed to host multiple-purpose meetings with its size up to 150 .

## **B4-B5 Floors**

B4-B5 floors, with their 16.000 coverage and the division serving as domestic-foreign fair and exhibition area with a ceiling reaching up to 7.2 meter are capable of hosting all meetings requiring capacity from vehicle launches to concerts with high level of participation.

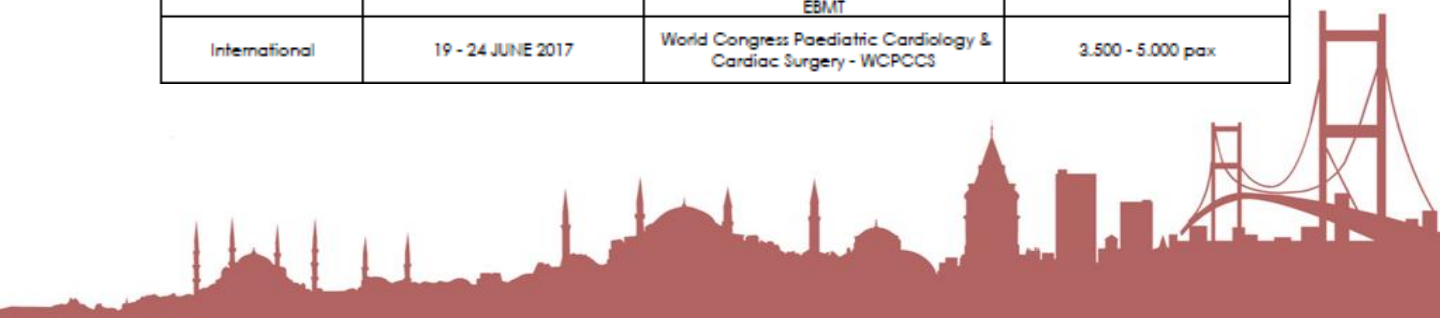




# Reference List of Istanbul Congress Center



ORIGIN	DATES	ORGANISATION NAMES	PARTICIPANTS
International	03 - 07 OCTOBER 2009	IMF & World Bank Annual Meeting	11.000 pax
International	05 - 06 NOVEMBER 2010	Womenist Meeting	500 pax
International	17 - 19 FEBRUARY 2011	Excellence in Rheumatology -ER-	900 pax
International	09 - 13 MAY 2011	4th United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries	10.000 pax
International	09 - 17 JUNE 2011	EAACI 2011 CONGRESS, 30th Congress of the European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology	8.000 pax
International	30 NOV - 03 DECEMBER 2011	Excellence in Paediatrics International Conference	1200 pax
International	29 JUNE - 05 JULY 2012	ESHRE CONGRESS, The European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology	8.000 pax
International	10 - 11 MAY 2013	22nd Annual Meeting of the EBRD Board Governors and Business Forum	6.000 pax
International	16 - 22 MAY 2013	ERA, EDTA CONGRESS, European Renal Association & European Dialysis and Transplant Association	8.000 pax
Local	28 MAY - 01 JUNE 2013	The 9th Biennial Meeting of the Turkish Association for the Study of the Liver	500 pax
International	26-29 JUNE 2013	EURAM 2013 , European Academy of Management	800 pax
International	05 - 08 JUNE 2013	EFORT, European Federation of National Associations of Ortopaedics and Traumatology	7.000 pax
International	28 - 31 AUGUST 2013	FDI - Annual World Dental Congress	7.000 pax
International	10 - 13 SEPTEMBER 2013	The 25th Annual EAIE Conference	4.000 pax
International	02 - 06 OCTOBER 2013	EADV CONGRESS, European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology	5.000 - 6.000 pax
International	06 - 09 APRIL 2014	WCNC - IEEE Wireless Communications and Networking Conference	600 pax
International	04 - 07 MAY 2014	World Congress on Pediatric Intensive and Critical Care - WFPICCS	1.500 - 2.000 pax
International	21 - 23 MAY 2014	ESHA 2014 - Hidroenerjia Congress	1.000 pax
International	31 MAY - 03 JUNE 2014	European Federation of Neurological Societies - EFNS	4.500 - 5.000 pax
International	22 - 26 JUNE 2014	International Congress of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine- ICCUM	4.500 - 6.000 pax
International	14 - 17 SEPTEMBER 2014	AAPG - American Association of Petroleum Geologists	3.500 - 4.000 pax
International	22 - 25 MARCH 2015	Annual Meeting of the European Group for Blood and Marrow Transplantation - EBMT	3.500 - 4.000 pax
International	19 - 24 JUNE 2017	World Congress Paediatric Cardiology & Cardiac Surgery - WCPCCS	3.500 - 5.000 pax





# FIG 2018 ISTANBUL



*Getting ready for FIG 2018*





# *Getting ready for FIG 2018*

## **Call for Papers**

These include the collection and editing of the abstracts and full papers for publishing by the organizing committee. Details will be agreed in the contract between FIG and the host association. The cost of these services based on time spent will be included in the Congress budget. There will be an open Call for Papers for the technical program of FIG 2018. The first call for papers shall go out together with the first invitation during the FIG Working Week in 2015. There will be an open Call for Papers to the technical conference. The FIG office will prepare the call for papers in conjunction with the FIG technical commissions and the Local Organizing Committee.

## **Invitation Letters**

Promotion of the congress shall start at the Working Week 2015 in Sofia.

On the last day of the working week FIG 2018 Organizing Committee will host a welcoming party for 2018 with Turkish style hospitality.

The First invitation will be prepared and distributed at the FIG Working Week two years before the Congress (at the FIG Working Week 2016). The final announcement will be circulated together with the Call for Papers in September, 2017.

## **Preparing the Program and Proceedings**

The commission chairs will be in charge of preparing the technical program. The FIG office will act as a link between the local organizing committee and the commissions. The member association shall nominate a delegate to 10 of the technical commissions to confirm that there is local input in the technical program.

It is expected that there will be at least one paper from the host country in each of the ten commissions or main topics of the conference.

The local organizing committee will propose a theme for the technical conference to be approved and adopted by FIG.

The FIG office will collect both abstracts and full papers and produce and circulate guidelines on preparing the papers. The proceedings will be published on the FIG web site on a CD-Rom or a similar.

The FIG office will edit the papers and take care of the production of the proceedings.





# Getting ready for FIG 2018

## **PROPOSED MEETINGS**

The FIG 2018 Congress is planned to commence on Friday, June 22 and run through Saturday, June 30, 2018. (This can also be adapted for the other two opt. dates)

It is expected that the first two days will be reserved for administrative meetings (Friday for Council meeting (10 people) and Saturday for the Commission officers meeting ACCO (25 people). Sunday and the second Friday are reserved for General Assembly (200-250 people).

The technical program is from Monday to Thursday with plenary sessions in the morning and parallel sessions during the day (5-10 parallel sessions). The Opening Ceremony will be either on Sunday afternoon or on Monday morning (600-1,000). The opening ceremony will be held off site in either Theatre or Concert Hall.

The social program will include a welcoming reception (for all and is included in the registration fee), City reception (included in the registration fee), exhibitors party, local evening and a gala dinner.

The Technical Exhibition will be open from Monday - Thursday. An area of 5,000m (gross area) is expected to be utilized.

### **Administration and Administrative Meeting Facilities:**

#### **FIG 2018 Congress Office**

Date : All days Thursday-Friday – free entry for the FIG staff

Venue : ICC – International Convention Center

Participants : PCO, FIG Staff and Local Organizing Committee

#### **FIG Office and Meeting Room**

Date : All days from Saturday – free entry for the FIG staff

Venue : ICC – International Convention Center

Participants : FIG President and FIG Director, meeting up to 10 people.

Room layout : Working place for three people, conference table up to 10 people or one office and meeting room for 10 persons boardroom style

Facilities : 3 PCs, printer, copier, internet access, (copier, telephone and fax to be shared with LOC)

Refreshments: Coffee and tea on tap, biscuits, water and soft drinks, snacks







# Getting ready for FIG 2018

## **Commission Meeting Rooms**

Date : All days from Sunday – free entry for Commission officers

Venue : 5 rooms (two commissions to share one room); normal office rooms

Room layout : 10-25 people (boardroom style)

Facilities : PC and internet access

## **Council Meeting**

Date : Friday, full day 9:00-18:00

Venue : ICC – International Convention Center

Participants : President, Council, Director and invited guests, max 12 people

Room layout : U shape

Chair : President

Contact : FIG office

Facilities : Screen, flip chart, PowerPoint

Refreshments: Coffee and tea on tap, biscuits, water and soft drinks

*Council dinner to be arranged off site – Istanbul.*

## **ACCO Meeting**

Date : Saturday, full day, 9:00-18:00.

Venue : ICC – International Convention Center

Participants : ACCO Meeting: Vice President, Commission chairs and vice chairs, FIG General Manager, invited guests (20-30 persons)

Room layout : U shape

Chair : Vice President

Contact : FIG General Manager

Facilities : Screen, flip chart, PowerPoint

Refreshments: Coffee and tea on tap, biscuits, water and soft drinks

## **General Assembly**

Date : Sunday 9:00-15:00 and Friday 10:00-14:00

Venue : ICC – International Convention Center

Participants : Member associations, affiliates, academic members, correspondents, Honorary presidents and honorary members, corporate members, observers.  
(250 persons)





# Getting ready for FIG 2018

**Room layout** : Conference Room arrangement, top table for 6 persons (Council + Director) 1-3 seats per delegation, 60-70 delegations out of 90 member associations. Display of national flags (provided by FIG), plates of member associations (provided by FIG), ballot box. 200-250 chairs for delegates in class room style and extra chairs (up to in theatre style for observers.)

**Break out sessions**: 3-4 rooms (30-60 persons) can be provided.

**Chair** : President

**Contact** : FIG General Manager

**Facilities** : Screen, PowerPoint, microphones (4 for the head table, roaming Microphones on the aisles plus supporting personnel)

**Refreshments**: water

## **Commission Annual Meetings**

**Date** : Sunday afternoon or Monday morning, 2 hours

**Venue** : A meeting room for each Commission (10 commissions), 20-50 persons depending on commission.

**Participants** : Commission national delegates (10-50 delegates per commission), President's room will be used for one commission.

**Room layout** : class room / free

**Chair** : Commission chairs.

**Contact** : FIG General Manager

**Facilities** : Screen, flip chart, PowerPoint

**Refreshments**: water

## **President's Meeting**

**Date** : Friday morning from 8.30 to 10:30

**Venue** : ICC – International Convention Center

**Participants** : Presidents of member associations, 60-70 people

**Room layout** : Circle of chairs, 70 persons

**Chair** : President

**Contact** : FIG General Manager

**Facilities** : flip chart

**Refreshments**: water





# Getting ready for FIG 2018

## **Additional meeting rooms**

One room for 30 persons in class room style to be in reserve for workshops and smaller meetings will be available for the entire duration of the Congress.

## **CONFERENCE PROGRAM: PROPOSED TIMELINE**

### **Welcome Reception**

Date : Sunday evening or Monday morning after the opening ceremony

Venue : ICEC – International Convention Center

Participants : All delegates and accompany persons (included in the registration fee)

Room layout : Standing cocktails

Facilities : Microphone

Programme : Light entertainment, short speech

Catering : Drinks (wine and beer) and snacks

### **Opening Ceremony**

Date : Monday morning (or Sunday evening), about 2 hours

Venue : ICC – International Convention Center

Participants : All delegates and accompany persons (included in the registration fee)

Room layout : Theatre style

Program : Speeches and entertainment, unforgettable

### **Plenary Sessions**

Date : Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 2 hours in the morning

Venue : ICC – International Convention Center

Participants : 300–500 in theatre style

Contact : Director, FIG office

Facilities : Screen, PowerPoint

Refreshments: Water at head table and on side tables.

### **Technical Sessions**

Date : Monday afternoon; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday whole day after the plenary session; Friday morning

Venue : Reservation for 10 parallel sessions (likely only 5-7 sessions), capacity of rooms can vary between 50 and 300 in theatre style; Friday max 5 parallel sessions

Chair : Commission chairs / invited persons







# *Gettin ready for FIG 2018*

Contact : FIG General Manager/Commission chairs

Facilities : Screen, PowerPoint

Refreshments: water for speakers and on side table.

## **Workshops**

Date : Pre-conference workshops.

## **Closing Ceremony**

Date : Friday, 14:00-15:00.

Venue : ICC – International Convention Center / General Assembly room

Participants : All delegates to the General Assembly, other delegates and accomp. Persons.

Room layout : Conference

Chair : President of FIG and President of the LOC

Contact : LOC / Director, FIG office

Facilities : Screen, PowerPoint, video etc.

Refreshments: Water

## **Others**

The Chamber of Survey and Cadastre Engineers will organize a reception for the FIG Team; General Directorate of Land Registry and Cadastre will organize a dinner for the National Delegates;

## **Lunch and Coffee Breaks**

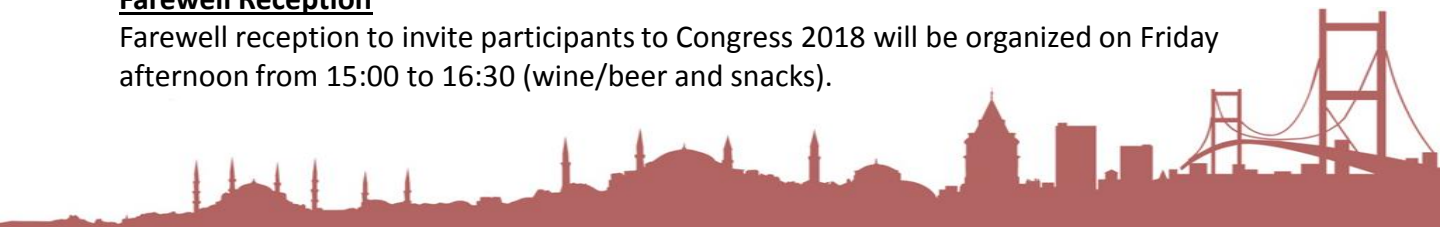
Lunches and coffee breaks will be included in the registration fee (lunch boxes in the exhibition area).

## **Banquet**

A Farewell Banquet will be organized on Thursday evening to provide delegates with a glimpse of Turkish culture and music. Possible locations for the banquet include the 1001 Direk Cistern and the Ciragan Palace. It is expected that approximately 600 people will attend.

## **Farewell Reception**

Farewell reception to invite participants to Congress 2018 will be organized on Friday afternoon from 15:00 to 16:30 (wine/beer and snacks).





*Social and Technical Tours*





# *Social and Technical Tours*

## **GENERAL EXCURSIONS & RETURN TRANSFERS**

Standard Schedule / Draft \*

09.00 – Tour starts from the Convention Center.

09.30 – 12.00 – Morning tours

12.00 – 13.00 Lunch at the selected restaurant

13.00 – 16.00 – Afternoon tours

16.00 – Transfer to the hotels or the venue.

\* It is only a sample programme. Additionally half- day tours will be offered.

## **TOURS**

Tour programs are submitted to you as bellow. Tour Desk and the staff of VIP Congress will be on duty during the congress.

### **FULL DAY TREASURES OF ISTANBUL TOUR**

Tour starts at 9 am with the transfers from the hotels.

Visit **Hippodrome**; the Imperial Center, termed the Old City, evidence of the illustrious past that imbue the entire area with a sense of history.

Visit **Blue Mosque**, thought by many to be the most splendid of the imperial mosques in the city. With its graceful cascade of domes and semi domes, its 6 slender minarets accenting the corners of the courtyard and the building, the lovely gray color of the stone set off by the gilded ornaments on domes and minarets, and its generally imposing but gracious proportions.

Afterwards, you will visit **Topkapi Palace Museum with Treasury Section**; the great palace of the Ottoman Sultans is the most extensive and fascinating monument of Ottoman civil architecture in existence. In addition to its architectural and historical interest, it contains as a museum, superb and unrivalled collections of porcelains, Armour, fabrics, jewels, illuminated manuscripts, calligraphy and many objects of art formerly belonging to the Sultans.





# *Social and Technical Tours*

The Topkapı Palace was both the symbolic and the actual center of the Ottoman Empire for nearly 4 centuries. Topkapı was built between 1459 and 1465 as the seat of government of the newly installed Ottoman regime. 12.00 Lunch will be at Konyali Restaurant After the lunch tour will be continue with Grand Bazaar Tour In 1461 Sultan Mehmet II built the first bazaar of wood, now called "Eski Bedesten" the primitive all. After several fires the bazaar was reconstructed in 1894. Today the domed buildings surrounded by a wall, occupies an area of 200.000 square meters. Approximately 4.000 shops are spread out in a giant labyrinth of small streets and passages, which are mostly arranged according to their trades: rugs, antiques, gold, silver, leather etc.

16.00 Return to the hotels for preparing to the flights.

## **DOMES OF ISTANBUL TOUR**

Tour starts at 9 am with the transfers from the hotels. Visit the impressive **Yerebatan Seray (Underground Cistern)**, which was built by the Emperor Justinian. This vast underground chamber, supported by rank upon rank of columns many of which were salvaged from pagan temples, once supplied the ancient city with water and it has been superbly restored.

Visit İstanbul's most famous sight - the **Aya Sofya**. Built by the **Emperor Justinian** in the mid-5<sup>th</sup> century AD, this vast building with its huge dome still dominates the city. After the Turks conquered Constantinople ( and renamed it İstanbul ) in 1453, it became a mosque and remained so until Kemal Atatürk turned it into a museum in 1933 and restored its superb mosaics.



# Social and Technical Tours

Visit the **Mosque of Suleyman the Magnificent**.

12.00 Lunch at **Darüzziyafe Restaurant** (non alcoholic) - Built between 1550-1555 by Mimar Sinan as public soup kitchen within the dependencies of Süleymaniye Mosque by the order of Sultan Süleyman the Magnificent, was used as a Banqueting Room, until the last years of Ottoman Empire. Darüzziyafe offers rich samples of Turkish Cuisine with a very good Service.

13.00 After the lunch tour continue with **Church of St. Saviour in Chora**

Visit the **Kariye Muzesi**, originally the **Church of St. Saviour in Chora** and dating back to the reign of Constantine the Great in the 4<sup>th</sup> century. Much of the structure you see today largely dates from the 11<sup>th</sup> century. Once a mosque, it is now a museum famous for its superb mosaics depicting scenes from the life of Christ, which mainly date from the 1320's.

16.00 Return to the hotels for preparing to the flights.

## **Technical Tours**

Technical tours will be planned for each Commission (half-day or full day) and will be coordinated with the technical program so tours do not conflict with the official program.

The local organizing committee will be in contact with the Commission chairs (through the FIG office) to nominate a local contact person to each commission.

## **Excursions**

1. *Regional Directorate of Land Registry and Cadastre*
2. *Istanbul Municipality Surveying/Planning/GIS Department*
3. *Kandilli Observatory and Earthquake Research Center*
4. *Harbiye Military Museum*
5. *Yildiz Technical University Surveying Department*
6. *Private Companies*







## *Proposed Budget\**

*\*This budget has been submitted by Turkish Chamber of Survey and Cadastre Engineers*





# Proposed Budget

## Budget

### Registration fees

It is very difficult at this preliminary stage to establish an accurate budget for the conference. A break even budget based on 2000 paid registrations and 60 exhibit spaces will be proposed.

The final budget will be prepared in consultations between the FIG Congress Director and the Local organizing Committee, and submitted to the FIG Council for approval.

All figures in Euro (€) As of December 12, 2013 1 € = 2,77 TL

<u>Expected Income</u>		<u>Expected Expenditure</u>	
<b>Congress Fee</b> Registration – 2000 participants x € 630	1.260.000 €	<b>Printed Materials &amp; Participants Kits</b> Congress Book and CD, handbags, badges, plaquettes, printed materials	45.530 €
<b>Support from State Sponsors</b> (The Scientific & Technological Research Council of Turkey and Ministries, Turkish Promotion Fund)	100.000 €	<b>Marketing &amp; Site Visits</b>	74.500 €
<b>Stand Fee</b> 60 exhibitors x € 2,500/booth (6m2)	150.000 €	<b>Social Tours</b>	22.750 €
<b>Sponsorships</b>	200.000 €	<b>Banquet Services</b> Conference Banquets Included	220.000 €
		<b>Venue Rental Fee &amp; Technical Equipment Rental</b>	418.925 €
		<b>Social Events</b> Conference Dinner Cultural Evening With 1000 participants	200.000 €
		<b>Invited Guest Expenses</b>	70.000 €
		<b>Conference Management, Human Resources Services and all other Various Services</b>	643.180 €
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1.710.000.000 €</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1.694.885 €</b>



# Proposed Budget

## Proposed Registration Fees

Category	Early Bird Before 15 January 2018	Standard Before 15 March 2018	Late/Onsite After 15 March 2018
*Delegates	€ 630.-	€ 680.-	€ 780.-
Students	€ 280.-	€ 280.-	€ 280.-
Daily Registration	-	-	€ 250.-
**Accompanying Persons Registration	€ 330.-	€ 330.-	€ 330.-

**All fees are payable in Euro (€)  
All Above prices exclusive of V.A.T (%18)**

\* Registration of delegates (and speakers) includes opening ceremony, welcoming reception, exhibitor's reception, coffee breaks and conference briefcase.

\*\* accompanying persons registration includes opening ceremony, welcoming reception, exhibitors reception and a souvenir gift.

Student and daily registration includes conference briefcase and coffee breaks.

Lunches will be provided lunch box style on site adjacent to the exhibition area.

It is anticipated that a welcoming reception will be hosted by the City of Istanbul. Other potential sponsors might include the Province of Istanbul, Government of Turkey, major resource industries, legal firms, financial institutions and real estate companies.







## *Accommodation*





# Accommodation

In İstanbul, your delegates have almost 100.000 guestrooms and hundreds of hotels to choose from. They can stay in an elegant suite high up in a sleek glass skyscraper overseeing Asia, or across the exotic Old City. Restored Ottoman palaces on the Bosphorus or boutique hotels snuggled behind a Byzantine wall are other alternatives. Not to mention top-ranked international hotel brands.

İstanbul's 94 five star hotels include leading international hotel brands, as well as distinguished local brands. İstanbul's hoteliers can offer your delegates the most important commodity of all: hospitality. Hospitality is something Turks and Turkey have traditionally been famous for. And today, that same hospitality makes service at İstanbul's hotels courteous, quick and friendly. They are everywhere throughout the city. Whether you need accommodations for your guests near the Conference Valley or in the Business & Financial District, at the Historic Peninsula or near the Airport & Exhibition District, you will have numerous excellent hotels in several categories to choose from.



**ROOM CAPACITY IN VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF İSTANBUL CITY**

Category	Number of Properties	Number of Rooms
5 star hotels	94	25,303
4 star hotels	128	14,884
3 star hotels	118	17,251
2 star hotels	59	1,665
1 star hotels	13	446
Special category hotels	125	4,810
Golf Hotels	2	755
Motels	1	32
Pensions	4	36
Apart Hotel	6	591
Municipality licensed 2nd and 3rd class hotels	770	23,588
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,320</b>	<b>89,361</b>

*The minimum and maximum price range has been collected from the research of [www.booking.com](http://www.booking.com) and the price range is for the year 2014 as the results can not show the year 2018. There are 1566 available properties in between April – June 2014.*

	min.	max.
Hostels	10 €	60 €
1 & 2 & 3 Star	45 €	110 €
4 Star	60 €	240 €
5 Star	80 €	330 €



*Access to Istanbul*





# Access to Istanbul

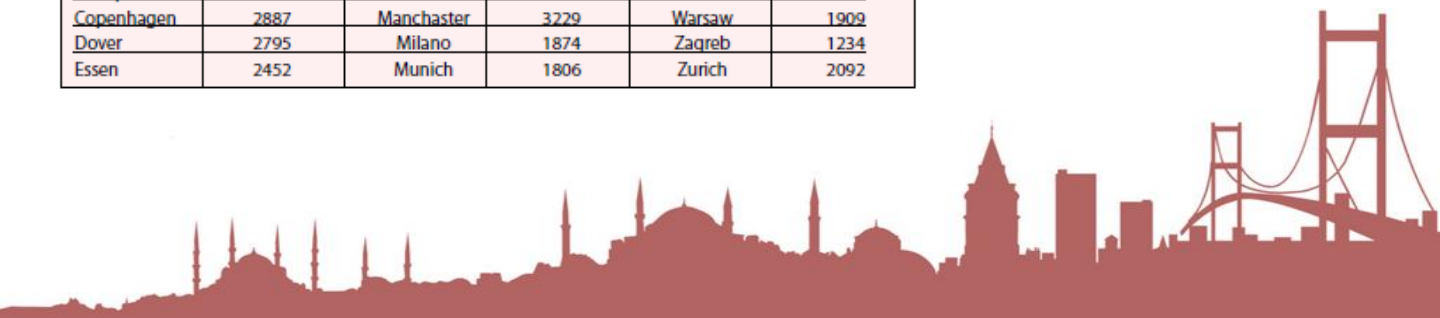
Istanbul is accessible from all parts of the world, served by more than 300 international airlines. Besides air transport, visitors to Istanbul have several options; international train, ferry, bus services and other means of transportation connecting Istanbul to neighboring European countries. The city has two international airports, Sabiha Gökçen Airport on the Asian side and Atatürk Airport on the European side.

Istanbul is connected to highways that provide a link to most European cities -Germany, France, Bulgaria, Greece, Syria, Russia, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Iran and Syria are but a land trip away from Istanbul. Although the Orient Express is no longer available, there are modern international trains. Sea transportation is very developed in Istanbul, which has a number of ports by which the ferries can dock.

Istanbul is a large metropolis with over 13.9 million inhabitants. Therefore the city has an extensive public transport network. Public transportation in Istanbul consists of an extensive bus network, rail systems, funiculars, and maritime services. It is advisable to purchase an Akbil, a debit card usable in most forms of public transportation within the city.

## DISTANCES FROM MAIN EUROPEAN CAPITALS

CITY	KM	CITY	KM	CITY	KM
Athens	1136	Edinburgh	3562	Naples	1475
Amsterdam	2633	Frankfurt	2198	Oslo	3475
Barcelona	2913	Geneva	2321	Paris	2658
Belgrade	839	Hamburg	2583	Praque	2019
Bergen	3957	Hannover	2445	Rome	1681
Berlin	2668	Helsinki	3631	Rotterdam	2658
Bern	2150	Le Havre	2877	Sofia	560
Bonn	2367	Leipzig	2224	Stockholm	3466
Brussels	2608	Lisbon	4180	Stuttgart	2035
Bucharest	693	London	2912	Tirana	1003
Budapest	1227	Madrid	3530	Vienna	1610
Copenhagen	2887	Manchester	3229	Warsaw	1909
Dover	2795	Milano	1874	Zagreb	1234
Essen	2452	Munich	1806	Zurich	2092





# Air Travel

Istanbul is accessible from all parts of the world, served by more than 300 international airlines. **The city has two international airports, Sabiha Gökçen Airport on the Asian side and İstanbul Atatürk Airport on the European side. The 3rd International airport is planned to be complete in 2015 with 150 million capacity.**

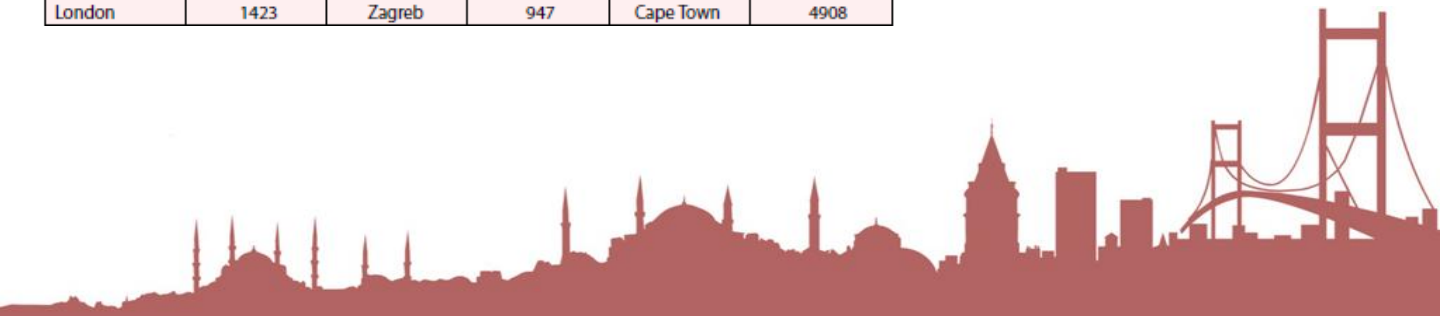
Atatürk International Airport hosts around 950-1.000 flights a day and services approximately 129.000 passengers a day, a figure that rises to 140.000 to 150.000 and flights to 1.100 to 1.150 a day at peak times. Yearly, 239.649 flights were hosted at Atatürk International Airport. On the other hand Sabiha Gökçen Airport has served nearly 15 million passengers in 2012 and served approximately 30.600 passengers a day.

## Number of domestic flights daily;

Yearly, 114.672 and daily 314 domestic flights were hosted at Atatürk International Airport. At Sabiha Gökçen International Airport 70.107 domestic flights were hosted. Domestic list of carriers are; Atlasjet, Free Bird Airlines, Onur Air, Pegasus Airlines and Turkish Airlines . Turkish Airlines has direct 43 domestic flights and 1832 total weekly frequency.

## AIR MILES TO İSTANBUL FROM SOME INTERNATIONAL CITIES

City	Flight Distance	City	Flight Distance	City	Flight Distance
Athens	349	Madrid	1564	Zurich	1000
Amsterdam	1253	Moscow	1028	Tel Aviv	688
Berlin	992	Oslo	1520	Kuwait	1605
Bucharest	305	Paris	1277	Bahrain	1697
Budapest	614	Prague	868	New York	4538
Brussels	1226	Rome	839	Los Angeles	5220
Copenhagen	1144	Sofia	271	Rio de Janeiro	6400
Dublin	1568	Stockholm	1290	Buenos Aires	7570
Helsinki	1295	Vienna	748	Beijing	4159
Lisbon	1860	Warsaw	842	Tokyo	5291
London	1423	Zagreb	947	Cape Town	4908



# *Istanbul Atatürk International Airport*

Istanbul Atatürk International Airport is the city's gateway to the world, hosting millions of passengers every year and servicing airlines from all over the world. With its architecture, speed of passenger throughput, level of service and advanced technology, it is also one of the top airports in the world. Operated by TAV Istanbul Terminal Operations Co., a subsidiary of TAV Airports Holding since 2000, the airport is ranked as the second in the category "Best Airport of South Europe" in "The World's Best Airports 2009 Awards" event organized by Skytrax Research, the leading research Advisors to the world airline and air transport industry based in London, UK.

The data on movement to and from the airport, shows Turkey's integration to the world. Atatürk International Airport hosts around 750 to 800 flights a day and services approximately 90,000 passengers a day, a figure that rises to 100.000 to 110.000 and flights to 900 to 950 a day at peak times. The airport is situated 28 kilometers west of city center on 9.470.554 square meters of land. Transportation to and from the airport is available by metered taxis as well as subway, which starts from the city center, municipal buses, and shuttle buses of the HAVAŞ company, which also operates ground services at the airport. The airport hosts 40 cafes, bars, restaurants and refreshment stalls with a combined seating capacity of 5.250. It also houses bank offices, ATMs, car rental dealers, drugstores, hairdressers, flower shops, gift shops, foreign exchange bureaus, kiosks, dried fruit sellers and also a health center, a massage parlor and a photo shop. Istanbul International Airport Hotel operated by BTA Catering Services, offers 131 rooms of luxury accommodation, as well as hourly accommodation on the airside.



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# *International List of Carriers*

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Aeroflot-Don  
Aerosvit Airlines  
Air Algérie  
Air Astana  
Air France (Paris-Charles de Gaulle)  
Air Malta  
Air Moldova  
airBaltic  
airberlin  
Albanian Airlines  
Alitalia  
Ariana Afghan Airlines  
Armavia  
Asiana Airlines  
Atlasjet  
Austrian Airlines  
Azerbaijan Airlines  
Azmar Airlines  
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Buraq Air  
Cyprus Turkish Airlines  
Czech Airlines  
Delta Air Lines  
Donbassaero  
Dniproavia  
Eastok Avia  
EgyptAir  
Emirates Airline  
First Choice Airways  
FlyLal  
Free Bird Airlines  
Germania  
Gulf Air  
Iberia  
Iran Air  
Jat Airways  
Kam Air  
Kish Air  
KLM Royal Dutch Airlines  
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Libyan Airlines  
LOT Polish Airlines  
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Malaysia Airlines  
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Olympic Airlines  
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Pakistan International Airlines  
Polet Airlines  
Red Wings Airlines  
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Royal Air Maroc  
Royal Jordanian  
Qatar Airways  
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Swiss International Air Lines  
Syrian Arab Airlines  
Tajik Air  
TAROM  
Tatarstan Airlines  
Tavreya Airlines  
Thomas Cook Airlines  
Tunisair  
Turkish Airlines  
Turkmenistan Airlines  
UM Airlines  
Uzbekistan Airways  
Volga-Aviaexpress  
XL Airways Germany



# *Sabiha Gökçen International Airport*

Sabiha Gökçen Airport is getting ready to open new horizons for Turkey, just like the woman combat pilot of Turkey that it is named after. The airport which is the first step towards the “Advanced Technology Industry Park” project, which shall serve the country in numerous fields such as transportation, foreign trade, aviation and technology, shall act as a leader for conversion of the region into a technology base in the future. The airport is located on the Anatolian shore of Istanbul at Pendik/ Kurtkoy, at a distance of 40 km to Kadikoy, 12 km to Pendik and 50 km to Taksim. It has a really convenient traffic in terms of transportation with its 1.5 km connection to the TEM motorway. The Haydarpasa-Gebze Express is available departing from Pendik Train Station. There are also regular suburban services.

Public transportation (IETT) departs from Sabiha Gökçen Airport (SAW) to central Istanbul. There are many ways to travel from Sabiha Gökçen Airport into the several main locations of Istanbul.

The features and the services that will be provided by the new terminal of the Istanbul Sabiha Gökçen International Airport and its complementaries include;

- ›112 check - in counters, 24 CUSS (Common Use Self Service) check-in kiosks,
- ›50 passport counters each for incoming and outgoing passengers,
- ›5.000 sqm food court for cafés and restaurants belonging to the leading food & beverage brands,
- ›4.500 sqm Duty Free shopping area is run by SETUR and occupies a space of 3.300 sqm and 1.200 sqm in the departures and arrivals halls respectively. Other than the usual duty free shopping items, such as local/foreign drinks, tobacco and cosmetics; especially readywear, textile accessories and electronics is offered for sale,
- ›400 sqm conference center,
- ›A four - storey car park with a capacity of about 4,718 vehicles & 72 buses,



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# Turkish Airlines

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### Achievements

In 2013, Turkish Airlines has been named Best Airline Europe for third consecutive year by Skytrax. Skytrax also named Turkish Airlines as “Best Business Class Catering” for its service in 2013. Turkish Airlines flies to more countries in the world than any other airline (103 countries over five continents) according to UMB’s Official Airline Guide. The global airline won the SkyTrax Award, known as the “Passengers Choice Awards,” for the “Best Airline in Southern Europe” consistently in 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 and was recognized and awarded best quality in terms of in flight service in its economy class. In 2012, Skytrax named Turkish Airlines “Best Premium Economy Seats in the world” for its Comfort Class seats .

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On behalf of Turkish Airlines, the national flag carrier of Turkey and member of Star Alliance, we are delighted to offer our full support to the General Assembly of the International Federation of Surveyors- FIG 2018 for which Istanbul is candidate to host in 2018.

Should Istanbul be granted to host "General Assembly of the International Federation of Surveyors- FIG 2018", Turkish Airlines will offer discounted air fares as the official airline and its global expertise in all aspect of airlines operation and services to all participants attending the event. Some complimentary tickets for the Executive Managers and Board of Director Members may also be offered.

Turkish Airlines serves to 242 destinations, including 199 in international and 43 domestic lines through over 230 aircrafts and possesses a strong network in Europe, Russia, Central Asia, Far East Asia, Middle East, Africa, North and South America.

Turkish Airlines was recently awarded again the "Best Airline in Europe", as per the results of Skytrax classifications for the third year in a row.

Turkish Airlines would like to welcome General Assembly of the International Federation of Surveyors- FIG 2018 in Istanbul in 2018. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to welcoming your prestigious event and delegates to Istanbul and working in close cooperation with you to make your event a most successful one.



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*Transportation Within the City*





# *Transportation Within the City*

Various transportation vehicles are available in Istanbul, one of the biggest cities in Europe. Railroads, bus lines, and trams are supported by sea vehicles that travel between two continents.

The city has an integrated electronic ticket system which uses smart RFID cards called **Istanbulkart**. 'Istanbul Card' used in almost all transportation vehicles which approximately 4 € and can be purchased from offices near major transport interchanges all around the city. The website [www.iETT.gov.tr](http://www.iETT.gov.tr) submits detailed information on transportation alternatives.

In addition, Istanbul offers an extensive mass transit network including metro, light-rail, buses and shared taxis, as well as a fleet of over 16,000 taxis. Mass transit is easy to use and affordable.

## **Buses**

Metropolitan buses in Istanbul are frequent and economic. They travel to almost any point within the city and some villages around the city. Alternatives are privately operated buses using the same lines where you can pay onboard. The "metrobus", which operates between Söğütlüçeşme on the Asian side and Avcılar on the European side, is another popular transportation alternative that can save a lot of time.

## **Railway**

The modern subway and tram system is one of the most convenient means of transportation in Istanbul. Trains departing from Sirkeci on the European side and Haydarpaşa on the Anatolian side reach the outer parts of the city.

## **Subway**

The Istanbul Metro, or the M2, is a mass-transit underground railway network, running from the Atatürk Oto Sanayi station at Maslak in the north to the fiışhane station at Beyoğlu in the south.



# *Transportation Within the City*

## **Tram**

The tramline lines are Zeytinburnu-Kabataş, Güngören-Bağcılar and Edirnekapı-Sultançiftliği. Taksim, the cultural and entertainment center of the city is accessible from Kabataş by a short funicular railway. A light rail line, known as M1, runs from Yusufpaşa, near Aksaray, to Esenler and Atatürk Airport.

## **Sea**

The sea route is usually the quickest way between the European and Asian sides, particularly during rush-hour. Ferries connect the two sides of the city. There are city-line ferries that run the length of the Bosphorus and the Golden Horn, and also go to and from the islands. There are also tourist excursions along the Bosphorus. Smaller private motorboats that depart from Beşiktaş on the European side drop their passengers at Üsküdar on the Asian side in six minutes. The modern catamarans are for those who want to get about fast.

## **Marmaray Tunnel**

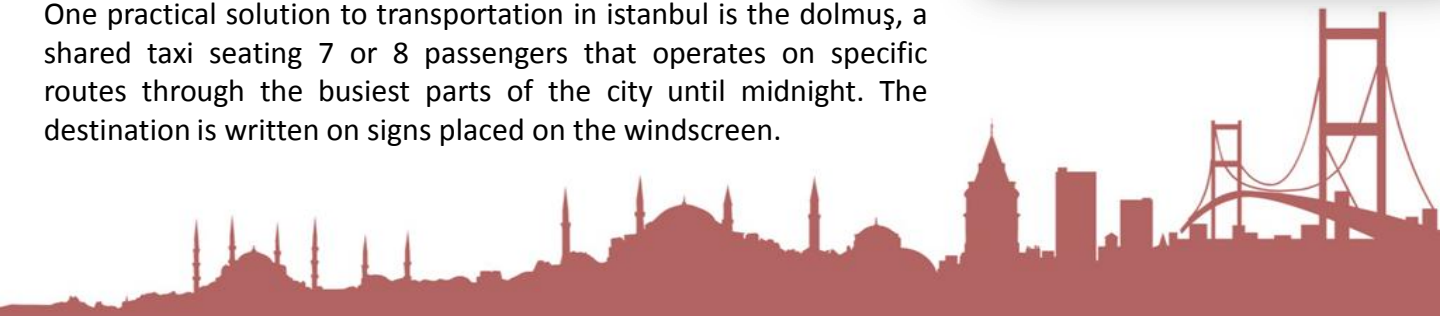
It comprises an undersea rail tunnel under the Bosphorus strait, and the modernization of existing suburban railway lines along the Sea of Marmara from Halkalı on the European side to Gebze on the Asian side. It is the first standard gauge rail connection between Europe and Asia.

## **Taxi**

Licensed taxis in Istanbul are yellow and have registration numbers on the sides. They can be found on the ranks or hailed on the street. Also hotel, restaurant and bar staffs provide taxi. Bridge tolls are added onto the taxi fare.

## **Dolmuş**

One practical solution to transportation in Istanbul is the dolmuş, a shared taxi seating 7 or 8 passengers that operates on specific routes through the busiest parts of the city until midnight. The destination is written on signs placed on the windscreen.





# Connectivity to Proposed Venue

**From Ataturk International Airport to the Proposed Venue there are various options as below;**

## **Taxi;**

The taxi cost from the airport to the city centre is between 13 – 18 €. From the airport to the city centre Taksim is 20 km/12.5 miles. *Approximately 40 minutes.*  
(Taxi:1 km is 1.90 TL which is approximately 0.70 €).

## **Bus and metro;**

Public bus/metro ticket is approximately 0.70 €. *45-60 minutes.*

## **Shuttle Service;**

The airport shuttle service (HAVATAŞ) is 10 TL which is approximately 4 € to the city centre (Taksim) *45-60 minutes.*

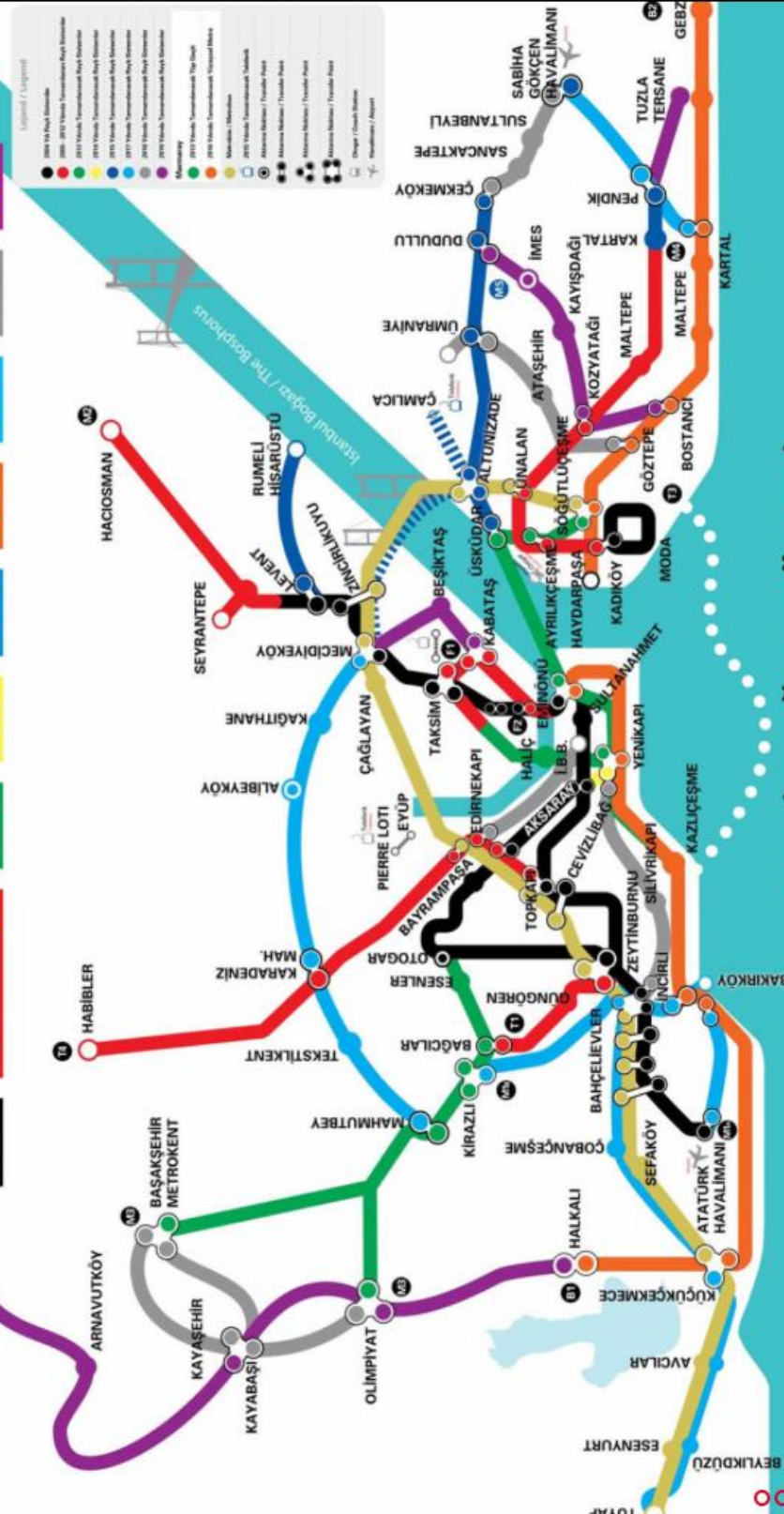
The city has an integrated electronic ticket system which uses smart RFID cards called **Istanbulkart**. 'Istanbul Card' used in almost all transportation vehicles which approximately 4 € and can be purchased from offices near major transport interchanges all around the city.



# Istanbul Rail Network Map

## İSTANBUL RAIL NETWORK MAP IN 2019

- 2004
- 2005 - 2012
- 2013
- 2014
- 2015
- 2016
- 2017
- 2018
- 2019



Marmaray: The new  
Bosphorus Tunnel





## *Unusual Venues*





# *Unusual Venues & Incentive Ideas*

Istanbul knows how to bring people together. The capital of three empires, Istanbul has always been an economic crossroads and a mosaic of cultures. Today, the city is an increasingly popular destination for conferences and meetings.

To add a distinctly exotic touch to your event, discover Istanbul's unique venues, a striking range of historic structures, from palaces to cisterns to waterfront mansions in dramatic locations. Wide choices of historic venues unique to Istanbul are now available for social and cultural programs, receptions and gala dinners of events and congresses.

Istanbul is an incentive planner's dream come true. Imagine organizing a gala dinner for 2000 people in the world famous Grand Bazaar, with authentic Ottoman cuisine, performances by folk musicians and dancers, a Janissary band and belly dancers. How about an exclusive whirling dervish show or a cocktail prolongé in an Ottoman Cannon Factory? Send your guests on an exciting treasure hunt in the Old City and the Grand Bazaar. Cruise the Bosphorus by candle light as your guests enjoy a string quartet and five-star cuisine, ending the evening with a glass of champagne under the stars. Organize an exciting team-building game on the shores of the Bosphorus. Or a reception in the gardens of Dolmabahçe Palace, the last residence of the Ottoman Sultans... The list goes on, because there's just no limit to the exciting motivational and team-building programs you can organize in Istanbul.



# Unusual Venues

## ***Proposed unusual venues options below for Foundation Dinner and Gala Dinner***

### **1001 DIREK CISTERN**

According to Byzantium resources, the Binbirdirek Cistern was constructed in the 4th century as the second biggest water reservoir in Istanbul after Basilica Cistern (Yerebatan Cistern). More than 1680 years, 1001 Direk Cistern, holding a distinctive place in Istanbul's cultural and artifice life, takes a very important place especially in Congress Tourism and Incentive Groups. It is open for museum visits and a place that you can live with its all smell and texture. The charming atmosphere of 1001 Direk Cistern forms special alternatives for your invitations. In the Cistern, which has the capacity of 1.200 guests in sit down dinner set up and 3.000 guests standing cocktail, we can also entertain small groups easily as well.



### **ÇIRAĞAN PALACE**

Once the residence of Ottoman Sultans, Çırağan Palace with its unique location on the shores of the Bosphorus has always been one of the most preferred hotels in the world. After a complete renovation of the Palace which included the interior design of the meeting rooms and public areas, the installation of the state-of-the-art technology, as well as a rich culinary variety accompanied by flawless Kempinski service, Çırağan Palace Kempinski İstanbul is the premiere venue for the most prestigious social and business events in the world.



### **HILTON CONVENTION & EXHIBITION CENTRE**

Hilton Istanbul continues to make your organizations successful and unforgettable with its unique and fully renovated Convention & Exhibition Center located in the city center. Adjacent to Hilton Istanbul and linked to the hotel by a covered walkway, Hilton Istanbul Convention & Exhibition Center with a total capacity of 3.000 guests over two floors and a 2.850 sqm surface area, can be used for a variety of purposes including large conferences, congresses, exhibitions, concerts, fairs, award ceremonies, fashion shows, gala dinners and product launches. With a surface area of over 1.500 sqm the lower level can be partitioned into three sections if required. The 1.350 sqm upper floor has no columns and has an additional gallery level.





# Unusual Venues

**Proposed unusual venues options below for Foundation Dinner and Gala Dinner**

## ICEC RUMELİ TERRACE

Boasting an eye-dazzling view of Istanbul, Rumeli Terrace is an excellent choice for dinners, cocktails, weddings and other open-air events. Connecting the Main Building and Rumeli Building to one another, Rumeli Terrace may be used for events being held at both buildings. Not only because of its magnificent view of Bosphorus and Princess islands; but also due to the convenient, easily accessible and central location of Rumeli Terrace makes it one of the most preferred open-air attraction places in the Congress Valley. The terrace has an area of 2.500 sqm; the capacity of it is 1500 pax in round table style and 2000 pax in cocktail style.



## ISTANBUL CONGRESS CENTER – ICC TERRACE

Boasting an eye-dazzling view of Istanbul, Istanbul Congress Center Terrace is an excellent choice for dinners, cocktails and other open-air events. The İstanbul Congress Center Terrace has 7.000 sqm area in total. In between 4.000-5.000 person capacity for gala dinner, in between 7.000-8.000 person capacity for cocktail, welcome reception and farewell reception.



## SHORES OF HALIÇ-HALIÇ CONGRESS CENTER

Imagine a meeting venue by the where the sounds of the city mingle with the cries of gulls and waves lapping onto shores of Haliç Congress Center; an unforgettable and scenic location where you can take a break from the hustle and bustle of the city – without actually leaving it. The Center’s beautiful and unique location on the shores of the Golden Horn presents a panoramic and spectacular view of historic İstanbul. The only seaside congress center in İstanbul, Haliç Congress Center’s 6.239 sqm waterfront overlooking the Haliç Bay is a stunning backdrop for outdoor events and can host 5.750 pax as banquet or 7.000 pax as cocktail style.



## Distance Chart of Unusual Venues to Istanbul Congress Center;

Name	Distance to Congress Center		
	km.	by car	by walking
<b>Unusual venues</b>			
1001 Direk Cistern	9,7 km	19 min.	-
Çırağan Palace	3,0 km	7 min.	
Shores of Haliç/ Haliç Congress Center	8 km	15 min.	-
Hilton Istanbul Convention & Exhibition Center			2 mins
ICC Terrace/ Istanbul Congress Center (ICC)			same building
ICEC Rumeli Terrace			1 min



*Corporate Social Responsibility*







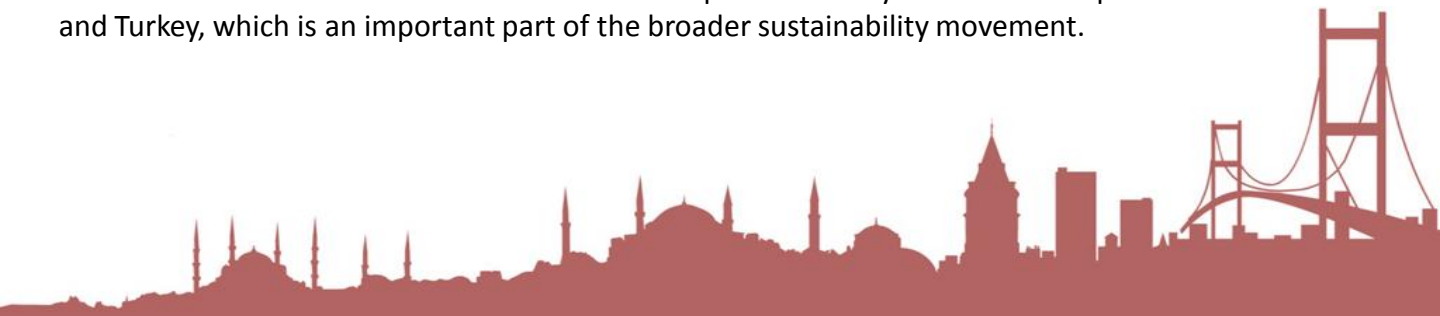
# *Meeting go green in Istanbul*

Comfort, luxury and technical infrastructure are no longer the only considerations while organizing international congresses. As the importance of environmentally responsible practices has dramatically grown in every aspect of life, congress tourism was also affected by this phenomenon. As host of the 5th World Water Forum, Istanbul put environmental concerns at the forefront of its agenda. Sustainability in the meetings, incentives, events and the conference industry in general have become a key issue for meeting planners, national associations and corporations in the city. Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (İBB) and the Governorship of Istanbul help meeting planners in organizing environmentally responsible practices. Bureau Veritas and the Turkish Hotels and Investors Association (TUROB) teamed up to launch “The Hotel Greening Project” in order to move the environmental agenda forward with Istanbul’s hotels by encouraging them to employ environmentally friendly strategies. The pilot project was realized during the 5th World Water Forum’s Green Forum Initiative to raise awareness on hotel greening techniques and to allow participating hotels take the first step toward greener accommodations. Twenty-three hotels volunteering to participate in the Hotel Greening Project were audited according to the measurements of energy efficiency, water conservation and waste management practices, among other criteria. Hotels attaining a minimum standard received a certificate from Bureau Veritas and the GFI. Top performers in specific star categories received the “Green Steps Award”.

## **Green Venues and Accommodation**

ICVB supports green initiatives, so that the city of Istanbul can move forward on the corporate social responsibility front. Several meeting venues in Istanbul lead a variety of initiatives that create a natural environment, reduce energy usage and use minimal non-renewable resources. Some of these initiatives are: • Maximum natural light • Walking distance to hotels • Congress facilities located in the city center offer delegates the opportunity of walking • Easily accessible public transportation • Recycling bins for papers, plastics, glasses placed within the venues • Several venues employ a system for distilling waste oils in the kitchens • “Energy Smart Lighting” within venues • Recycling pens are being used at the meeting rooms • Smoking is banned in all closed public spaces within the venues .

By contributing to reforestation and other environmental cleaning projects led by NGOs like Turkish Marine Environment Protection Association (DenizTemiz), Turkish Foundation for Combating Soil Erosion, Reforestation and the Protection of Natural Habitats (TEMA) and the World Wildlife Found (WWF); meeting planners, congress organizers, corporations and associations help promoting green efforts in Istanbul. Venues and hotels in İstanbul predominantly use local food produced in Istanbul and Turkey, which is an important part of the broader sustainability movement.





*Istanbul Convention & Visitors Bureau*







# *Istanbul CVB*

**Istanbul Convention & Visitors Bureau;** As a non-profit, non-aligned destination marketing organization ICVB, we offer a wide range of services designed to help promote Istanbul as a congress, meeting and incentive destination and also to assist organizers in creating fabulous events in the city. ICVB offers the following services (*Bid support, venue finding, consulting & advice, promotional materials, Istanbul Delegate Boosting Kit, Online Congress Calendar, Site Inspections;*) free of charge to help make your international congress, corporate meeting or incentive trip a success.

**Marketing / Promotion services of ICVB are below;**

**Promotional Materials:** ICVB produces a wide range of promotional materials including the Meeting Planner's Guide (can be purchased as iPad application as well), the online Congress Calendar, the Istanbul Visitors' Guide, brochures, films and other promotional materials, for the use of event planners, associations and organizers.

**'The Leading Congress Destination Istanbul Project;**

As our new marketing and promotional activity, a website which introduces the city in detail and a promotional kit which includes an introductory film that includes aerial shots of the city, brochures, files and city maps.

The congress tourism portal and destination film is available in five languages – English, German, French, Spanish and Turkish.

The congress tourism portal (website) is informative, guiding and promotional, and facilitates accessibility to congress tourism services. Includes visuals, detailed in content, easy to use, interactive and informative and also includes:

- *Interactive Map*
- *360 Degree Virtual Tour of Congress Venues*
- *Venue finder Application*
- *RFP Application*
- *My Istanbul Application*
- *Electronic Card Application (Postcard Application)*



# İSTANBUL

*Leading Congress Destination*



# Istanbul CVB

**Istanbul Destination Marketing- Delegate Boosting Kit:** ICVB has launched the Istanbul Destination Marketing Kit (Istanbul Delegate Boosting Kit). This kit contains all the materials convention and congress planners need to effectively promote their next event in Istanbul, as well as its venues and attractions. Designed to provide associations with easy-to use, comprehensive marketing tools for congresses and events in Istanbul, ICVB's new Istanbul Delegate Boosting Kit contains everything from magazine advertisements to postcards to high resolution photos to editorial content. Available free- of-charge from the Bureau, the Delegate Boosting Kit is just one more way Istanbul adds value to your international congress or meeting.

**Online Congress Calendar:** ICVB would be pleased to publicize your event in the online Istanbul Congress Calendar. You can also use the Congress Calendar to search ccongresses scheduled to be held in Istanbul.

**Site Inspections:** ICVB arranges site inspections at venues throughout Istanbul and will put you in contact with senior management to ensure you identify the venue that best suits your event's requirements.

## THE CITY AND THE BUREAU SUPPORT

Istanbul Convention & Visitors Bureau provides necessary cooperation and support for the successful organization of events.

### ICVB will,

Provide Istanbul Visitors Guide and city maps for the delegates. Contribute in the promotion of the congress with Istanbul Delegate Boosting Kit which contains; high resolution Istanbul pictures, digital post cards, roll-ups and posters, e-banners. These materials will assist you in designing a campaign according to your expectations and needs. Pre and post congress news and press releases provided by the congress organizers will be published in the monthly Istanbul e-bulletin which reaches a distribution list of 135.000 readers.







*Discover Turkey*





# *Turkey: Where Culture, History & Nature Meets*

Turkey hosts the memories of various civilizations with historic sites and archaeological wonders set in a diverse and beautiful landscape. Turkey builds on an old and rich history. It represents a cultural mixture, stretching across the Anatolian peninsula in Western Asia and Thrace in the Balkans. The Anatolian peninsula is one of the oldest continuously inhabited regions in the world. The earliest Neolithic settlements such as Çatalhöyük, Çayönü, Nevali Cori, Hacilar, Göbekli Tepe and Mersin are considered to be among the earliest human settlements in the world. Anatolia is a melting pot where Sumerian, Babylonian and Assyrian cultures interacted with Hittites, Romans, Lycians and Phrygians. The result is a unique Anatolian civilization which has long inspired the thoughts and legends of the West.

Any visitor to Turkey will be struck by the plethora and variety of religious buildings and ancient shrines. There are temples dedicated to ancient gods, churches of many denominations, synagogues and mosques. As civilizations succeeded each other for thousands of years, they left their religious legacy. After the monotheistic domination of Anatolia, Islam, Christianity, and Judaism coexisted in harmony. The ancient Bronze Age witnessed the establishment of the first independent city states. The first major empire in the area was that of the Hittites, from the 18th through the 13th century BC. Next were the Phrygians, an Indo-European community. The other prominent states of the period were Lydia, Caria and Lycia. Meanwhile Ionians, one of the ancient Greek communities, were settling at the western coasts of Anatolia. In 334 BC, Alexander the Great got the hold of the whole region and this also marked the beginning of the Hellenistic period since Anatolia was divided into small kingdoms. All these kingdoms joined Rome by the 1st century BC. In 324 AD, the Roman emperor Constantine I announced Byzantium as the new capital of the Roman Empire. He renamed Byzantium as the New Rome which would be called Constantinople and Istanbul respectively.



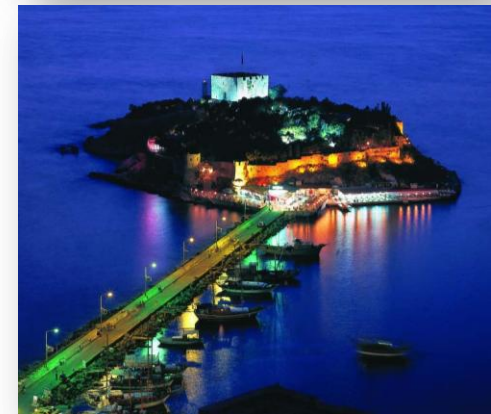


# *Turkey: Where Culture, History & Nature Meets*

After the fall of the Western Roman Empire, Constantinople became the capital of the Byzantine Empire. In the 10th century the Seljuk Turks started migrating to Anatolia. After the Battle of Malazgirt, Anatolia became the homeland for the Oğuz Turkic tribes. The war gave way to the foundation of Anatolian Seljuk state, which would later be defeated by Mongols. While the state was slowly collapsing, the Turkish principality governed by Osman I was to evolve into the Ottoman Empire. Throughout its history of 623 years, the Ottoman Empire acted as a link between the Western and Eastern worlds. Until it collapsed at the end of World War I, the empire was a major economic and cultural center.

Modern Turkish Republic founded after the War of Independence by Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, is among the fastest growing countries of Europe. One of Turkey's most important features is its capacity for synthesis, which is a historical inheritance. Such a rich history has left an unforgettable mark and Turkey flourishes with historic sites and archaeological wonders set in a diverse and beautiful landscape. The Mediterranean coastline is punctuated with well-preserved Greco-Roman cities such as Pergamon and Ephesus, while the austere and rugged Anatolian plateau has cave churches hidden away in the fairytale landscape of Cappadocia. This is the land where Alexander the Great slashed the Gordian Knot, where Achilles battled the Trojans in Homer's Illiad, where the first coin was minted in Sardis and where the Ottoman Empire fought battles that shaped the world.

The country is the haven of two of the world's seven wonders: the temple of Artemis, and the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus. History buffs can plunge in marvels and souvenirs stretching back to the dawn of civilization. Nature lovers can enjoy the amazing mountain views and forests of the Black Sea region, as well as the astonishing beaches and natural wonders of the Aegean and Mediterranean shores. Adventure enthusiasts can head east to Nemrut Mountain National Park or to the Palandöken Ski Center. The list goes on and on.







*Pre-Post Tours*





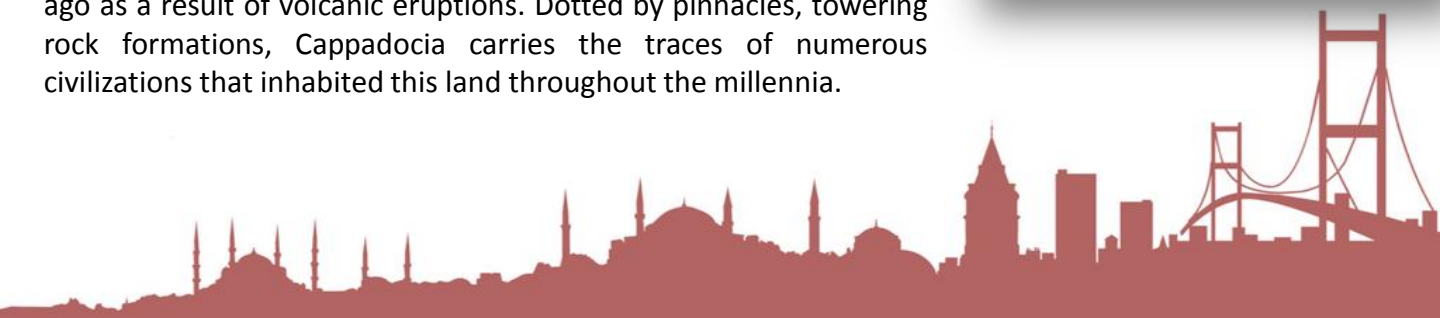


# *Pre-Post Tours*

If you are visiting Istanbul, it is recommended to stay at least a week to get a real sense of the city and to see what it has to offer. Visitors who do so find more than enough in Istanbul. Since there is an unlimited number of stunning places in Turkey also worth visiting, many guests take advantage of pre & post conference tours for trips outside Istanbul.

Antalya is Turkey's most important leisure destination, with beautiful Mediterranean beaches, a charming historic old quarter, houses from the Ottoman era, a warm, sunny climate, picturesque shorelines, and close proximity to extraordinary artifacts of the numerous great cities of ancient Greece and the Roman Empire like Aspendos, Perge and Olympos. Antalya includes popular tourist destinations like Side, Belek, Kemer and Alanya. It is also home to dozens of five-star hotels. Antalya has everything you would want and expect from a beach town on the Mediterranean, and more, with fantastic restaurants to a vibrant nightlife, and of course, that unforgettable Turkish charm. Stretching along Turkey's Aegean coast, the city of Muğla includes some of the most well-known and popular tourist resorts of the country including Bodrum, Fethiye, Marmaris, Datça and Göcek. Ephesus, an ancient city on Turkey's Aegean coast, rivals Athens and Rome with its classical architectural ruins and monuments. Ephesus is vast, steeped in history, and truly remarkable.

For those wishing to go back in time, there are few better places in the world to do so. Numerous historical figures from Roman emperors to Virgin Mary spent time in Ephesus, the "first and greatest metropolis of Asia," and once home to one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, an enormous statue of Diana, which made Ephesus an important place of pilgrimage. Cappadocia in Central Anatolia is a fairytale landscape formed millions of years ago as a result of volcanic eruptions. Dotted by pinnacles, towering rock formations, Cappadocia carries the traces of numerous civilizations that inhabited this land throughout the millennia.





*Practical Information about  
Istanbul & Turkey*





# Turkey: Country Profile

## Location and Geography:

Republic of Turkey is located on the crossroads between Europe and Asia with most of its territory called Anatolia located in Southwest Asia. Turkey is surrounded by three different seas, the Black Sea on the north, the Aegean Sea on the west and the Mediterranean Sea on the south. Turkey is neighboured to the east by Georgia, Armenia and Iran while to the south by Iraq and Syria, then to the west by Greece and Bulgaria. Turkey has a total area of 783.562 m<sup>2</sup> (302.535 sq. mi) –

## Economical Structure

Turkey's dynamic economy is a complex mix of modern industry and commerce along with a traditional agriculture sector that still accounts for more than 35% of employment. Turkey has the world's 15th largest GDP-PPP and 17th largest Nominal GDP. The country is a founding member of the OECD and the G-20 major economies. Key sectors of the Turkish economy are banking, construction, home appliances, electronics, textiles, oil refining, petrochemical products, food, mining, iron and steel, machine industry and automotive.

## Demography:

Turkey's Population / Age Groups	In total: 79.7 million (2012) (Percentages)
0 - 14	25.3%
15 - 64	67.4%
65 and older	7.3%

## Currency:

The Turkish Lira is the official currency in Turkey while the exchange rate is set on a daily basis. It is easy to find a bank or an exchange office while traveller's checks can be cashed at in most banks. Foreign currencies are accepted at hotels, many shops and restaurants. All major credit cards are accepted in hotels, restaurants and shops.



*Capital:* Ankara  
*Largest City:* Istanbul  
*Official Language:* Turkish  
*Currency:* Turkish Lira (TRY)  
*Time Zone:* EET (UTC+2)





# *Istanbul City Profile*

## **Location**

Istanbul is located in the north-west Marmara Region of Turkey. It encloses the southern Bosphorus which places the city on two continents— the western portion of Istanbul is in Europe, while the eastern portion is in Asia. The city boundaries cover a surface area of 1,830.93 square kilometres (707 sq mi), while the metropolitan region, or the Province of Istanbul, covers 6,220 square kilometres (2,402 sq mi).

## **Demographics**

Istanbul is the largest populated city of Turkey with a population of 13,9 million. As one of the largest urban agglomerations in Europe, Istanbul is one of the world's largest cities by population. Istanbul has 39 districts administered by the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality. The city boundaries cover a surface area of 1830 square kilometers (707 mi<sup>2</sup>) and Istanbul Province covers 6220 square kilometers (2402 mi<sup>2</sup>)

## **Economy:**

8th out of OECD's 78 metro-regions with its population size, Istanbul is literally a metropolis. Istanbul is the financial capital of Turkey because of its strategical location. The city generates almost 27 percent of Turkey's GDP (\$332,4 billion in 2012) and its annual contribution to the state budget is about 40 percent. As the country's largest industrial center, approximately 20 percent of the country's industrial labor is employed in Istanbul. Some of the city's main industrial products are food processing, textile production, oil products and alcoholic drinks. Istanbul is also the most important export and import gate of Turkey with respectively 46% and 40% of Turkey's total exportation / importation activity.

## **Safety & Security**

Turkey is one of the safest countries in the world in which to travel, and its crime rate is low in comparison to many Western European countries. Interpol ranked Turkey as the safest holiday destination in Europe for travellers. As is the case when travelling in any country though, travellers need to be careful with their personal possessions when out and about and never leave items unattended.







# *Istanbul City Profile*

The police is helpful and friendly and in many of the tourist resorts there are special tourism police who speak different languages. The Turkish Government takes air safety very seriously, and maintains strict oversight, particularly on international flights. The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has placed Turkey's civil aviation authority in Category 1-in full compliance with international aviation safety standards in overseeing Turkey's air carrier operations. In the days following the September 11 attacks, Turkish Airlines was one of the first international airlines cleared by the FAA to fly into the United States. Istanbul is Europe's third and world's 21st biggest city.

As researches demonstrate, if these trends continue, Istanbul will be the most crowded city of Europe by 2020. Despite its population of more than 12 million people as well as the mass of visitors coming from various different countries, the city is enlisted among the safest cities in the world despite its highly dense population. This gives a sense of peace to citizens and visitors alike as the city's historical heritage carries them through the ages. According to the available data, one of every 66 people in Istanbul is involved in a crime. This is compared to one of 14 people in Budapest, one of seven people in Vienna, one of eight people in Luxembourg, one of 34 people in Sofia, and one of six people in Berlin.

The research conducted by the EU Crime and Security Consortium, exposes however that 18% of people in Istanbul become victims of a crime as compared to 32% in London, 27% in Amsterdam, 26% in Belfast and Dublin, 24% in Copenhagen, 23% in New York and Stockholm, 20% in Brussels, 19% in Rome. While total public crimes were recorded as 148,165 in 2005 in Istanbul, there were 262,176 in Berlin, 1,015,121 in London, and 200,177 in Paris. Crime rates in Istanbul, however, have been considerably lowered during the past three years as the result of successful operations by law enforcement units and by the use of MOBESE (acronym for Integrated Mobile Electronic System of CCTV). When compared with the first four months of 2007-2008, there has been a decline of 21% in general crimes, 38% in homicide, swindling, and 59% in pick-pocketing.

MOBESE is a "City Information and Security System" enacted under the Istanbul Security Department with the support of Istanbul's Governorship. With the 584 modern cameras installed in several of Istanbul's streets and squares with the aim of enhancing public services, facilitating administrative functions, and further decreasing crime rates. Twelve different systems, including 952 quarters, 3,500 police vehicles, 150 mobile police station units, the foundation of Province and District Command Centers, and City Security Directorate, were integrated with MOBESE. Starting with the emergency services, the other institutions are planned to be integrated into the system as necessary.

*\*Source: Turkish Culture & Tourism Office- London web page/ Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality web page*

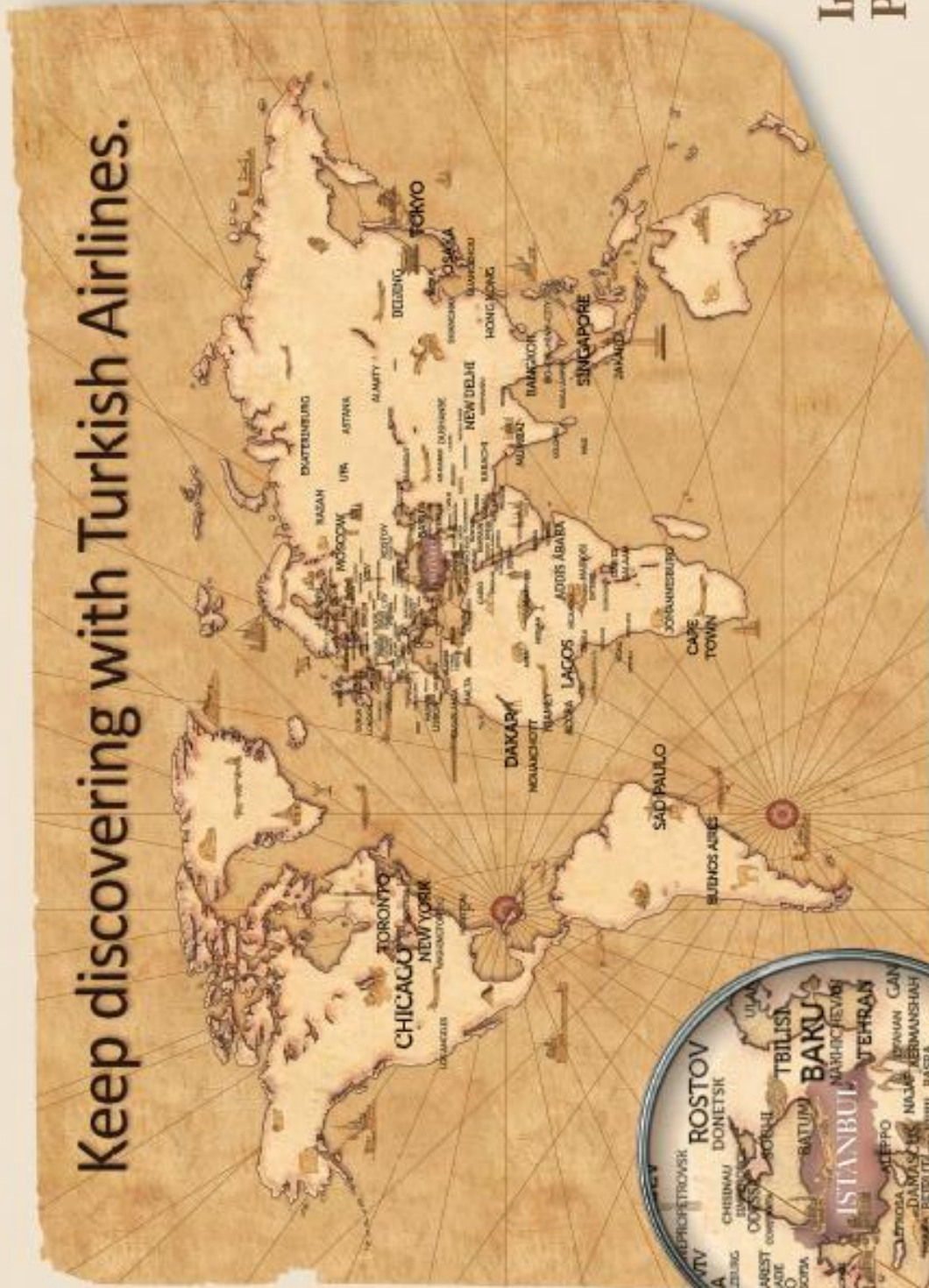




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