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Markku Villikka
FIG Director

Dear Markku Villikka;

On behalf of the Chamber of Surveying and Cadastre Engineers, we would like to express our interest to host the FIG 2014 Congress in İstanbul, Turkey

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

With my regards,

A. Fahri ÖZTEN
President



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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 2014 in Istanbul, Turkey. The proposed dates for the Congress are: April 27 - May 2, 2014. 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. Muammer Güler
Mayor of Istanbul:	H.E. Kadir Topbaş

Our selected venue for the FIG 2014 Congress site is the Istanbul Convention & Exhibition Center (ICEC). 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.

Istanbul Technical University 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.

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.

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 2014 congress the Chamber will organize a “Young Surveyors Day”.

It is anticipated that the FIG 2014 Congress in Istanbul will attract up to 1500 delegates from all over the world.

The proposed congress date is April 27–May 2, 2014. These dates are suitable for meeting as well as social activities. Istanbul between April-May has a moderate dry climate. The average temperature those times of the year is around 15°C.

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 2014 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
2014 Congress to Istanbul, Turkey.**



CANDIDATE CITY FOR FIG 2014: ISTANBUL, TURKEY

The History of the Republic of Turkey

The history of modern Turkey begins with the foundation of the republic on October 29, 1923, from the Turkish remnants of the Ottoman Empire, with Mustafa Kemal Atatürk as its first president. Under his visionary leadership, the country adopted a wide range of far-reaching reforms including social, legal, and political reforms.

For Turkey to become a western-oriented nation, it was imperative to separate religion from state. Faith became a matter of personal choice: Shariah courts were replaced by secular courts and the religious school system was abolished. In 1937, the secularity of Turkey was added to the Constitution as a clause, making Turkey the only country with a predominantly Muslim population to be a secular state. Atatürk believed that Turkey's future lay with the west, and embraced all aspects of modernity with enthusiasm, including adopting the European dress code. In 1925, the international time and calendar systems were adopted. The new Turkish alphabet was prepared by the Ministry of National Education, with the aim of increasing levels of literacy, and the move was made from the Arabic to the Latin alphabet. Atatürk saw the role of women as crucial to the development of the new Republic. By 1930 women had been granted the right to vote and to hold office in municipalities. In 1934, all citizens had to adopt a surname and Mustafa Kemal was given the name "Atatürk" ("Father of the Turks").

Turkey joined the UN in 1945 and in 1952 it became a member of NATO; it holds a non-permanent seat on the UN Security Council from 2009-10. In 1964, Turkey became an associate member of the European Community. Over the past decade, it has undertaken many reforms to strengthen its democracy and economy; it began accession membership talks with the European Union in 2005. Our country will make her best to continue its efforts to meet the Union standards in all aspects of life. The coming 8 years will mean a great progress in this work.

Turkey is a secular, democratic republic.

Istanbul: A Unique Blend of Cultures

The former capital of three successive empires Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman- the city is a fascinating mixture of the past and present, old and new, modern and traditional. The museums, churches, palaces, mosques and bazaars, and the sights of natural beauty seem inexhaustible.



Its unique historical and cultural background and innumerable attractions, luxury hotels, exclusive restaurants, nightclubs, bazaars and modern malls make Istanbul the perfect site for international congress and exhibition destinations.

Experience the exciting mixture that is Istanbul, a city where East meets West, the bridge between Europe and Asia, a thriving metropolis of millions of people-exotic yet distinctly western.

A number of historic palaces and museums offer unique settings for receptions and banquets. Numerous historic venues feature banquet rooms with panoramic views of the city. Beylerbeyi Palace, once the sultan's summer palace and now the cultural centre of Istanbul, is surrounded by terraced gardens for group events.

The Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia, Topkapi Palace Museum, Dolmabahce and the Museum of Archeology provide a unique backdrop for special events among ancient and historically-significant artifacts.

2010 Cultural Capital of Europe: Istanbul

The European Union has selected Istanbul as the Cultural Capital of Europe in 2010, which was competing in the category of "cities outside the EU" against Ukrainian capital Kiev. The slogan of the city for this event has been coined as "Istanbul: City of Four Elements".

Istanbul 2010 is an enormous contribution to urban development. Cultural and artistic activities to be held during 2010 will also enhance the position of Istanbul as one of the most important cultural centers in Europe. Unique cultural heritage and creative capacity of



culture of Istanbul will make it also an eminent destination for cultural tourism through growing awareness. Subsequently Istanbul will acquire financial and economic gains.

Being the Cultural Capital of Europe in 2010 is a historic opportunity for increasing “urban awareness” to make Istanbul residents proud of their city. Increasing tourism activities in Istanbul will surely bring out more economic benefits and revenues – the extent of cultural and artistic activities throughout the city facilitate access to those events for Istanbul local residents.

Istanbul: Easy Access

A country of sun and history, Turkey forms a bridge between Europe, Asia and Middle East because of its geographical location and its culture. The mainland Anatolia, has witnessed the mass migration of numerous people, which has shaped the course of its history. The home to countless civilizations, Anatolia has developed a unique synthesis of cultures, each with its own distinct identity, yet each linked to its predecessors through insoluble treads.

Turkey extends over 780,580 km² and has a population of more than 70 million. 15 million people live in Istanbul. The capital city of Turkey is Ankara, which has a population of 4 million. The official language is Turkish. Latin alphabet is used in Turkey.

How to Travel to Istanbul

Istanbul is served by more than 50 airlines from all parts of the world. Travel time to Istanbul from all major cities of Europe is between 2 - 3 hours.

The national carrier of Turkey, Turkish Airlines (THY) has branches almost in all of the European countries also member of Star Alliance. For detailed information please visit their web-site: www.turkishairlines.com

Visas

Citizens of some countries are required to obtain visa before arrival and some may obtain it at the airport upon arrival. The most updated visa information can be received from the web-site: www.mfa.gov.tr

Customs

All personal belongings may be imported freely into the country. Importation, use and trade of narcotics are illegal and subject to severe punishments. Also there are very strict rules on the export of antiquities.

Health Regulations

A current valid international vaccination certificate is requested from those participants coming from infected areas. It is highly recommended to check this with the diplomatic mission of Turkey in your country or the airline company.



Language

The Official language is Turkish. In areas frequented by tourists it is easy to find many bilingual citizens.

Weather

Average temperature in Istanbul in April is 15 degrees Celsius

Time

Turkey is two hours ahead of GMT

Electricity

The electric current is 220V AC with a frequency of 50 Hertz. European standard plugs with two round pins are used.

Banking and Currency

TL (TL) Denominations:

Banknotes: 5, 10, 20, 50, 100 and 200 TL

Coins (Kurus): 1, 5, 10, 25, 50 Kurus and 1 Lira

Turkish Liras are convertible. The vast majority of ATM machines offer routine bank services including cash withdrawals in Euro, US Dollar, and Turkish Lira. Exchange rates are generally better in Turkey than outside the country.

Banking hours are Monday to Friday from 08.30 to 12.00 hrs and 13.30 to 17.00 hrs. Most "döviz bürosu" (foreign exchange offices) are open from Monday to Saturday from 09.00 - 20.00 hrs.

CONGRESS SITE

ICEC – International Convention & Exhibition Center



In the city of Istanbul, the International Convention & Exhibition Center (ICEC) serves the best quality in the international meeting industry with high-tech equipments, 5 star quality service and outstanding location. ICEC is Istanbul's first fully integrated congress center with 7000m² space, the Rumeli Fair & Exhibition Hall, where you can host a convention and a large trade fair simultaneously. Meeting facilities and services, rooms with different capacities and trained staff makes ICEC an ideal location for large-scale international events.





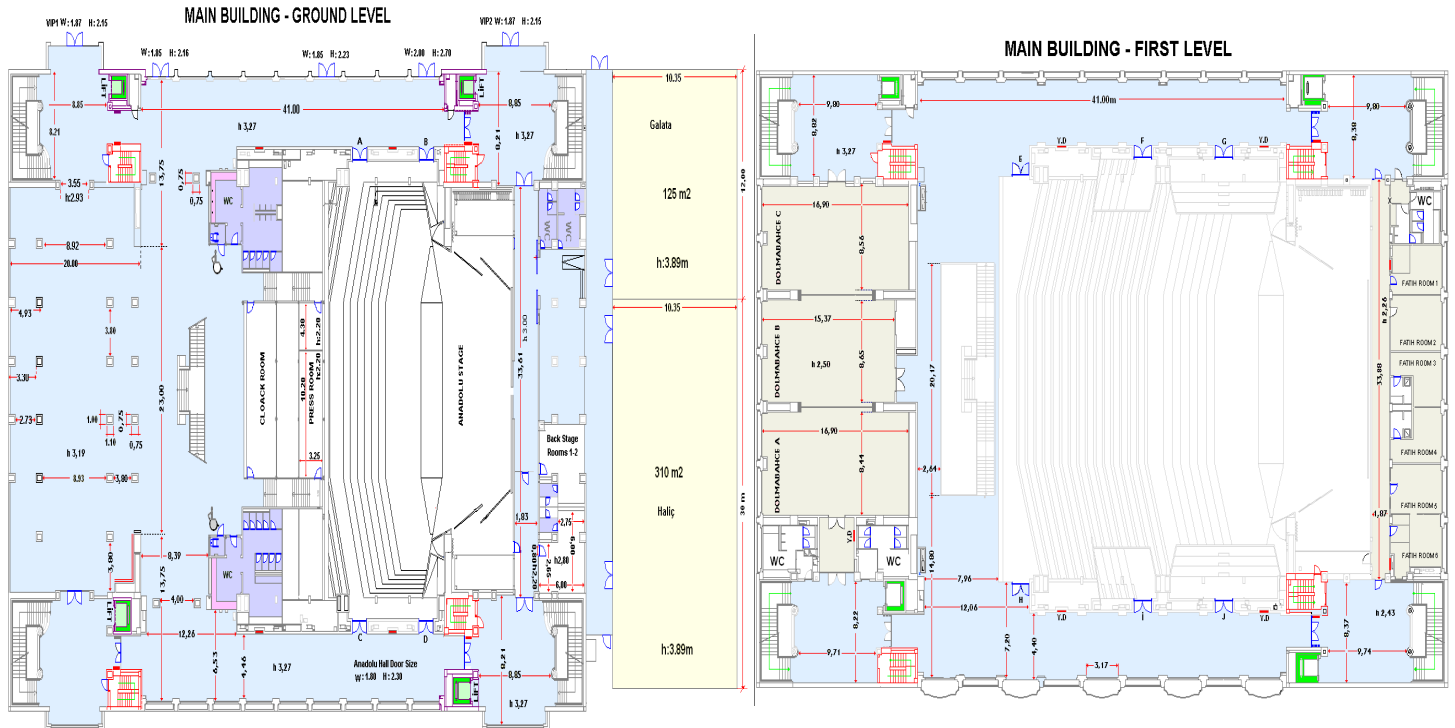
The Anadolu Auditorium seats 2,000 in arm-chair comfort and offers complete technical facilities for even the most elaborate performances.



The ICEC has 21 flexible rooms including Rumeli Fair & Exhibition Center. Anadolu Auditorium offers 1300 seats in the main balcony and 400 seats in 2 side balconies in tiered seating style. Rumeli Center offers 7,000m²/75,320 sq ft of multi-functional exhibition and meeting space. The main hall is 2,100m²/22,596 sq ft and divides in 2 with sound proof divided rooms. Rumeli also contains 2 boardrooms, 6 VIP suites, full audio-visual equipment and technical support.



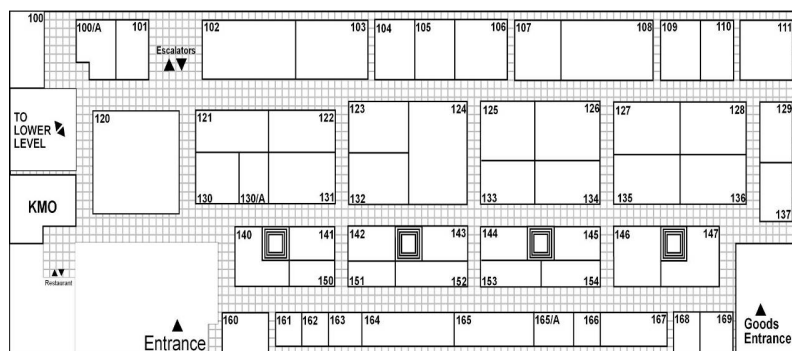
ICEC Floor Plans



Exhibition Area

The Rumeli Fair and Exhibition Centre is located in the Istanbul Lutfi Kirdar International Istanbul Convention and Exhibition Centre and has all the advantages of being in the city centre. The Rumeli Fair and Exhibition Centre is dispersed over the ground and lower levels and is an extremely modern building. The centre can accommodate international conventions and trade fairs at the same time. The Rumeli Fair and Exhibition Centre is an ideal venue for various activities such as trade fairs, seminars, weddings and film premieres.

Commercial exhibition space of 5,000 square metres has been set aside with the possibility of expansion to 7,500 square metres or even larger if required 100 standard booths (3x3 metres) and 40 booth spaces for specialist booths. The ceiling height of the hall is 7m and its foyer is 3m. Lunch will be available cafeteria style adjacent to the exhibitor area. Coffee will be available in the exhibit area.



LÜTFİ KIRDAR-RUMELİ EXHIBITION CENTER
HALL I

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The Rumeli Fair and Exhibition Center is connected to the main building. The main entrance is opposite Cemil Topuzlu open-air theatre.





FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The final budget will be prepared in consultations between FIG and the Local Organizing Committee. A draft budget has been submitted together with the bid to the FIG Office.

The Organising Committee is negotiating on removing the rental fee of the congress centre with the Istanbul Municipality.

New conference centre will be opened next to the International Convention & Exhibition Center (ICEC) and will offer another option for the congress venue.

The draft budget has been calculated on early bird registration fee of 475 EUR and standard registration fee of 555 EUR for full delegates and 200/250 EUR for students. These fees would include lunches and coffee but not VAT.

Lunches will be provided lunch box style on site adjacent to the exhibition area. A large variety of other formal and informal dining facilities are located within walking distance.

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.

Support for delegates from developing countries, students, young surveyors and other underrepresented groups to attend will be provided for in the conference budget.

The FIG office will provide most of the services to the congress.

The Congress is expected to support some speakers from developing countries by providing free registration and free or inexpensive accommodation. The number of supported speakers has varied from 20-30. This support can also come from aid programs, sponsors, or from the congress budget.



PROPOSED MEETINGS

The FIG 2014 Congress is planned to commence on Friday, April 25 and run through Friday, May 2, 2014.

It is expected that the first two days will be reserved for administrative meetings (Council and the Commission officers meeting ACCO). Sunday and the Friday are reserved for General Assembly. 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 5,000m² (gross area) is expected to be utilized.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Welcome Reception

Welcome reception will be held on Sunday evening or Monday morning after the opening ceremony at the ICEC – International Convention & Exhibition Center / Rumeli Garden. All delegates and accompanying persons will be invited to this cocktail reception with light entertainment, drinks (wine and beer) and snacks

Opening Ceremony

An unforgettable Opening ceremony with speeches and entertainment will be held on Monday morning (or Sunday evening) at ICEC – International Convention & Exhibition Center or other venue.

FIG Foundation Dinner / Turkish Cultural Evening

The FIG Foundation Dinner and Turkish Cultural Evening will be organised to provide delegates with a glimpse of Turkish culture and music. Possible locations for the FIG Foundation Dinner are the 1001 Columns Cistern or the garden at the Topkapi Palace.

Banquet

A Farewell Banquet will be organized on Thursday evening including music and a glimpse of Turkish culture. Possible locations for the banquet include the Yerebatan Cistern and the Ciragan Palace. It is expected that approximately 600 people will attend. The estimated cost of the banquet is € 90/person.



Farewell Reception

Farewell reception will be organized after the closing ceremony on Friday afternoon.

Other social functions

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

Istanbul Technical University will organize a reception

Lunches and coffees

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

SOCIAL TOURS

Social tours will be offered all days during the congress.

In addition to the social tours there will be a hospitality room for accompanying persons with a voluntary program available on certain days. Istanbul offers excellent historical and cultural tours with shopping facilities near the congress facilities and hotels facilities.

Standard Schedule / Draft program for the general excursions & return transfers:

09:00	Tour departure 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 congress center

Excursions

Possible social tour programs are detailed below.

Full Day Treasures of Istanbul Tour

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 Topkapı with Treasury Section; the great Ottoman Sultans is the most fascinating monument of Ottoman in existence. In addition to its and historical interest, it contains as superb and unrivalled collections of Armour, fabrics, jewels, illuminated calligraphy and many objects of art belonging to the Sultans. 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



Palace Museum palace of the extensive and civil architecture architectural a museum, porcelains, manuscripts, formerly

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.

Domes of Istanbul Tour

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

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

Visit the Mosque of Suleyman the Magnificent.

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.

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 4th century. Much of the structure you see today largely dates from the 11th 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.

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

Proposed Technical Tours include:

- Regional Directorate of Land Registry and Cadastre,
- IT department of the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality
- Private survey and mapping firms,
- Emergency Management & Coordination Center of Istanbul
- Center for Istanbul Metropolitan Planning
- Istanbul Technical University
- Yıldız Technical University



ACCOMMODATION

From the very beginning of civilization, Istanbul's unique geographic location at the crossroads of Europe and Asia has attracted visitors from all over the world. Over the centuries, they have come to experience the legacy of an imperial capital and enjoy the unparalleled natural beauty of its setting.

Every year the city welcomes close to 2,000,000 visitors staying in a variety of accommodation ranging from restored 19th century wooden townhouses to luxurious international hotels. From the simplest guesthouse to the most stylish hotel, visitors are looked after in the grand tradition of Turkish hospitality. Istanbul offers conveniently located accommodation at highly competitive rates by world standards. Delegates can select from a full range of accommodation from Guesthouse facilities to major international hotel chains as well as adhering to tradition the city has developed a sound, modern infrastructure. State-of-the-art conference facilities and resources and the professional back up required to operate and maintain them makes the city an ideal location to meet the demands of the modern convention.



Hilton Hotel Istanbul



Conrad Hotel Istanbul

50 good to excellent hotels are located within walking distance of the Congress site (International Convention & Exhibition Center) with University Guest House and Dormitory alternatives available for the FIG 2014 Congress. Prices range from €10 - € 325/night for single or double occupancy (2010 rates). Five-star hotels considered for the Congress hotel offer rates of 170-180 EUR per night (in 2010). Other hotels are also available within a 10 minute taxi ride.



Ciragan Palace Kempinski



Point Hotel



- Allowing the traveller easy access to municipal, domestic and international transportation networks.
- 23 km / 14.3 miles from Atatürk International Airport (30 minutes by taxi)
- 5 km / 3 miles from Sirkeci train station, terminal of the Orient Express.
- 100 m from Harbiye bus stop on the Taksim-Sisli line
- 500m from Taksim Metro Station linked to the city's new underground system

PRE- AND POST CONGRESS TOURS

Pergamum/Pamukkale/Ephesus (3 Nights)

Day 1

Tour starts with the morning flight from İstanbul to İzmir. Meeting and Assistance at the airport and drive to Aphrodisias, an ancient city dedicated to the Goddess of Love, Aphrodite. See its well-preserved Stadium, Theatre, baths of Hadrian, Odeon (Including Bishop's Palace), Temple of Aphrodite, and an outstanding Museum.



Visit ancient Hierapolis a noted spa, where calcareous hot springs descending over hundreds of meters have created fascinating travertine in the form of white terraces and basins. There are large pools fed by thermal hot springs for bathing, and many columns and ruins from ancient Hierapolis, founded by Pergamene King Eumenes II. The entire kingdom of Pergamum, including Hierapolis, was bequeathed to the Romans in 133 B.C. Overnight in Pamukkale.



Day 2

Departure from the hotel and drive to the first site is Asklepium, ancient medical center built in the same of Aesculapis, God of medicine. Continue to Pergamum, Acropolis. Located 60 miles north of İzmir, Pergamum was the home of Galen, renowned doctor and surgeon, and the site of his temple devoted to healing – celebrated in the biblical world. The Pergamum library, built in 198 B.C, where parchment was invented, once contained over 200, 000 books, which were shipped off to Alexander as a gift to Cleopatra. Visit Athena and Trojan temples, the temple of Zeus, Great Theatre. Return to İzmir and Overnight in there.

Day 3

Visit Ephesus, the best-preserved Roman Site after Pompei and is the city dedicated to Artemis. Ephesus visit will include Odeum, Council House, Street of Kurets, Trajan's Fountain, The Baths, Hadrian's Temple, Library of Celcus, Marmorean Way, Agora, Theatre & Arcadian Way. Visit the Temple of Artemis (Diana), one of the "Seven Wonders of the World", Basilica and Tomb of St. John, and the House of the Virgin Mary. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in İzmir.

Day 4

After breakfast, transfer to the İzmir Airport for your return flights.

Discover Cappadocia: "The Land Of Beautiful Horses" (3 Days / 2 Nights)

Arrival in Kayseri. Cappadocia. First weather has eroded fairy chimneys. of valley was the experience pottery

After Lunch, drive air museum. There refectories, and Visit the Citadel of Uchisar and Guvercinlik Valley also called Pigeon Valley for the hundreds of holes perforating the rock face whose droppings provided valuable fertilizer to the neighboring farmers. Last stop will be at Esentepe. Check in to the Hotel. Evening at leisure. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Cappadocia.(L.D.)

Day 1: Istanbul / Kayseri / Cappadocia (49 miles - 78km)



Meeting and assistance at the airport. Drive to stop at the wonderful Devrent Valley where the the stone into peaks, cones and obelisks called Pasabagi, a three-capped chimney in the middle retreat to the monk Simeon. Visit Avanos, making.

to Göreme National Park which is like an open- are 15 churches large and small, seven various tombs and cellars including wine cellars. Visit the Citadel of Uchisar and Guvercinlik Valley also called Pigeon Valley for the hundreds of holes perforating the rock face whose droppings provided valuable fertilizer to the neighboring farmers. Last stop will be at Esentepe. Check in to the Hotel. Evening at leisure. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Cappadocia.(L.D.)

Day 2: Cappadocia

Buffet breakfast. Full day tour of Cappadocia, Drive to "Derinkuyu the Underground City" an extremely complex underground city consisting of seven layers, rooms for grain storage, the stabling of animals, aging of wine and every possible necessity of rural life. Continue to Kizilcukur Valley and Cavusin. After Lunch, visit Ortahisar Valley, (throughout to come from the 50 year period in the 11th century when bureaucrats had effectively ousted the army). Last stop is at Catalkaya. Evening at leisure. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Cappadocia.(B.L.D.)



Day 3: Cappadocia - Kayseri - İstanbul (49 miles - 78 km)

Buffet breakfast. Morning drive to Sinasos, a town of paintings, every house has its own stone-sculptured balcony and windows. Continue to the Keslik Monaster, drive to Soganlı Valley, the scenery along the way is delightful and mysterious. Drive to the Kayseri Airport for the flight to İstanbul. Lunch on route. Drive to Kayseri. Transfer to the airport for your homebound flight. (B.L.)



ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

The Turkish Chamber of Survey and Cadastre Engineers (CSCE):

The Turkish Chamber of Survey and Cadastre Engineers (CSCE) was founded in 1954. CSCE is a qualifying body and partly learned society for exchange of technical information for professional engineers working in the fields of surveying and mapping.

The CSCE headquarters are located in Ankara connecting 10 branches and 150 provincial representations in Turkey.

The Turkish Chamber of Survey and Cadastre Engineers has been a member of FIG since 1969. Since then, the CSCE has organized the following events with the support of FIG:

FIG 7 th Commission Annual Meetings:	Istanbul, 1973; Istanbul 1989
International Symposium on Deformation:	Istanbul, 1994
International Symposium on GIS/GPS:	Istanbul, 1997
International Symposium on GIS and Annual Meeting of FIG COM.3:	Istanbul, 2002

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Prof. Dr. Muhammed Şahin is a professor in the Geomatic Engineering program at the Istanbul Technical University (ITU). He received his BSc in geodesy and photogrammetry engineering at ITU, a MSc in photogrammetry and surveying at University College London, and a PhD in surveying at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne. He was a visiting scientist at Graz Technical University in 1997 and Berlin Technical University in 2000.

His administrative role at ITU has involved many duties, including serving as: an Advisor to the Rector of ITU in 1996 and 2001; Director of the College of Foreign Languages; Coordinator of the Graduate Programs of Advanced Technologies and Geomatic Engineering; and Head of Surveying Technologies.

His research areas are emergency management & geographical information system (GIS), earthquake loss estimation, engineering surveying, GPS/GNSS, deformation measurements and surveying. He became the secretary general and administrative board member of the Turkish Earthquake Foundation in 2006 and 2007, respectively.

Prof. Dr. Muhammed Şahin is currently the chairman of the Turkish section of the International Program Committee (IPR) of The International Emergency Management Society (TIEMS), Correspondent of Turkey for International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) Commission No.3 (Spatial Information Management), a member of Turkish section of International Group of American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and the Turkish Chamber of Surveying Engineers. He served as the coordinator of the ASCE Turkish Student Chapter



from 2001 to 2005. His is an emergency manager certified by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency of USA).

Professor Şahin has been the *Rector (President) of Istanbul Technical University (ITU)* since August 2008. ITU, established in 1773, is one of the 5th oldest Technical University of the world, that has a strong tradition in education and research. ITU has 17,000 undergraduate and 7,000 graduate students under 12 faculties with about 40 departments. All the engineering programs at ITU has been accredited by ABET (Accreditation Board of Engineering Technology, USA). ITU is also a leader in Turkey and in Europe, with 12 Dual Diploma Programs with Universities in the United States. The University Technopark is the leading technopark of the country. It hosts more than 70 national and international corporations covering the complete spectrum of research in science and technology. These corporations, the most technically qualified groups in the Country, provide the largest number of patents which define the future of scientific developments, not only in our country, but in the world.

Professor Şahin was elected as a board member of the CESAER (Conference of European Schools for Advanced Engineering and Research) in October 2009, serving for a 4 year period. He was recently appointed by The Turkish Rectors Conference as President of the Deans Council of Engineering and Technology in Turkey.





LETTERS OF SUPPORT



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November 9, 2009

Dear Prof. Stig Enemark

On behalf of 24,000 students and 2,000 staff of the Istanbul Technical University, I am proud to officially submit our intent to propose Istanbul as the Congress site for the International Federation of Surveyors FIG International Congress for 2014. It is my distinct pleasure to work closely with the Turkish Chamber of Surveyors and Cadastre Engineers to organize a successful Congress.

The Istanbul Technical University (ITU) is the oldest technical University in Turkey providing continuous education since 1773, and the 5th oldest Technical University in the world. Since its foundation, ITU has established a tradition of both defining and creating an innovative approach to methods of engineering and architecture in Turkey. ITU maintains a dynamic, global, high quality communicative approach in education as well as research and development. As a global research University, our primary goal is to be the focal point for pioneering scientific, and technological studies on a national and international scale. Our engineering programs exemplify our quest for excellence, as 21 have ABET equivalency accreditation. We are currently preparing for the renewal and full accreditation in 2010 for all 24 engineering programs.

Nearly 24,000 students are enrolled in programs offered in 12 schools located on 5 city campuses throughout the heart of Istanbul. ITU continues to grow, parallel to the city, continuously expanding its development as a dynamic, world reknown institution. Our mission is to provide a global education; conduct research, and initiate technological developments through the efforts of the ITU ARI Technopark.

We welcome the opportunity to host this important event in Istanbul and look forward to welcoming you and the delegates to Turkey in 2014.

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Muhammed ŞAHİN
Rector, Istanbul Technical University
President of the Organization Committee

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İSTANBUL VALİLİĞİ
İl Afet ve Acil Durum Müdürlüğü**

November 9, 2009

Dear Prof. Stig Enemark
President
International Federation of Surveyors, FIG

On behalf of the city of Istanbul, it is my pleasure to submit this letter to support the bid to host the FIG International Congress in Istanbul in 2014.

You may wonder "Why Istanbul?". Allow me to draw your attention to the unique position and location of this dynamic city.

Located in the center of the Old World, Istanbul is one of the world's great cities famous for its historical monuments and magnificent scenery. It is the only city in the world which spreads over two continents: it lies at a point where Asia and Europe are separated by a narrow strait - the Bosphorus. Istanbul has a history of over 2,500 years, and ever since its establishment on this strategic junction of lands and seas, the city has been a crucial trade center.

The historic city of Istanbul is situated on a peninsula flanked on three sides by the Sea of Marmara, the Bosphorus and the Golden Horn. It has been the capital of three great empires, the Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman empires.

We firmly support the initiative taken by the organization committee to propose Istanbul as a candidate for FIG 2014. The Istanbul Technical University, one of the originators of the bid, is the most respected institution of our country. I am confident that their faculty will rise to the challenge to make this global event a success.

Sincerely,


Muammer GÜLER
Governor of Istanbul



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Prof. Stig Enemark
President
International Federation of Surveyors, FIG
Kalvebod Brygge 31-33
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11.11.2009

Dear Prof. Stig Enemark,

I would like to express my great pleasure in having learnt that Istanbul is being proposed as a venue for the FIG International Congress in 2014.

I firmly believe that this Congress in Istanbul would offer the participants an outstanding environment for the exchanges of information on the latest developments in the field. To this end, I would like to declare that we would do our best to ensure the every success of this event in our city, which is today one of the world's leading destinations for large scale world-wide organizations. I am also confident that Istanbul Technical University, as one of the most respected institutions of our country, will rise to the challenge to make this global event a real success.

Combining an amazing historical and cultural heritage with its modern venues, Istanbul has in the last years hosted many major and scientific events like NATO Summit 2004, Congress of UIA 2005, UEFA 2005 Final Match, Formula 1, World Mayors' Summit 2007, the 14th ECAD Mayors Conference and very recently 5th World Water Forum, Alliance of Civilizations Second Forum and the IMF-World Bank Annual Meetings before it becomes the European Capital of Culture in 2010.

In this regard, I sincerely hope you will agree that Istanbul would be an ideal venue for the FIG International Congress in 2014, and I would like to assure you and your association that we will do our best to ensure the resounding success of the Congress in this enchanting atmosphere of Istanbul.

Yours Sincerely,

Kadir TOPBAŞ
Mayor of Istanbul V.

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EMBASSY OF THE
REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

December 8, 2009

Dear Prof. Enemark,

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter by H.E. Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey, addressed to You.

Please accept the assurances of my high consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Berki Dibek

Ambassador

Encl.: As stated

Professor Stig Enemark
International Federation of Surveyors, FIG
Denmark

PRIME MINISTER

Ankara, 10 November 2009

Dear Mr. President,

I am addressing this letter to you in order to bring to your kind attention my endorsement of the Turkish Chamber of Survey and Cadastre Engineers' and the Istanbul Technical University's joint candidacy to host the International Federation of Surveyors International Congress 2014 in Istanbul.

Our higher education institutions feature many skilled scholars as well as the appropriate infrastructure for supporting their research. The oldest and largest engineering school in Turkey, the Istanbul Technical University has been providing qualified and modern education for centuries. Moreover, it has assumed a pioneering role in the area of civil service. In conclusion, the organisation of your 2014 International Congress with the Istanbul Technical University as host will not only constitute an important event for Istanbul, a city which has been the venue of numerous international-scale congresses, but it will also be a certainly good choice.

With the anticipation of welcoming your Federation in my country in 2014, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Recep Tayyip Erdoğan

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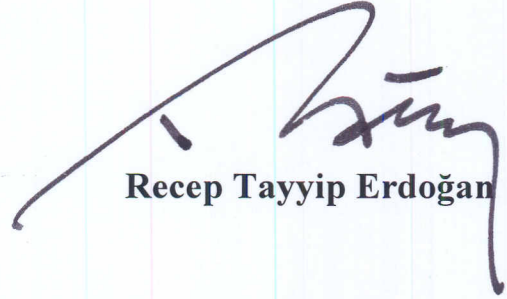
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Sayın Başkan,

Türkiye Harita ve Kadastro Mühendisleri Odası ve İstanbul Teknik Üniversitesi'nin, FIG'in 2014 Uluslararası Kongresi'nin İstanbul'da yapılmasına ilişkin adaylığına verdiğim desteği ifade etmek amacıyla size bu mektubu göndermekteyim.

Yüksek eğitim kurumlarımız çok sayıda nitelikli öğretim görevlisine ve bunların çalışmalarını destekleyici altyapıya sahiptir. Ülkemizin en eski ve en büyük mühendislik okulu olan İstanbul Teknik Üniversitesi kaliteli ve çağdaş eğitim verdiğini yüzyıllardır ortaya koymaktadır. Bu üniversitemiz kamu hizmetlerinde de öncü rol oynamaktadır. Dolayısıyla 2014 Uluslararası Kongrenizin İstanbul Teknik Üniversitesi'nin evsahipliğinde yapılması, uluslararası ölçekte pek çok kongreye evsahipliği yapmış bulunan İstanbul açısından da önemli bir etkinlik teşkil edecek ve şüphesiz iyi bir tercih olacaktır.

Sizleri 2014 yılında ülkemde selamlamak ümidiyle saygılarımı sunarım.


Recep Tayyip Erdoğan

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