

Cultural Activities & Tours

Being one of the most prominent centres of the world for culture, arts, history, entertainment, trade and business, Istanbul fascinates its visitors with the variety it offers. The museums, churches, palaces, great mosques, very attractive night life and entertainment, bazaars, sights of natural beauty seem inexhaustible.

One very special occasion is the Istanbul Music Festival that occupies the month of June every year. Four attractive performances fortunately coincide with conference dates:

- **Young Legend Han-Na Chang**, Bilkent Symphony Orchestra, Klaus Weise conductor Han-Na Chang violoncello, 22 June 2009 at 8:00 pm, Hagia Eirene Museum.
- **Concerts at the Palace - II**, Halit Turgay flute, Claire Jones harp, Ashan Pillai viola, 23 June 2009 at 8:00 pm, Topkapi Palace, The Imperial Council.
- **The English Concert**, Harry Bicket conductor & harpsichord, Elizabeth Watts soprano, 23 June 2009 at 8:00 pm, Süreyya Opera House.
- **Play Bach 50th Anniversary**, Jacques Loussier Trio, 23 June 2009 at 9:00 pm, Courtyard of the Archaeological Museum.

For detailed information visit the Festival web site at <http://www.iksv.org/muzik/english>

Pre- and post-conference tours suitably arranged for the conference participants are given below together with some possible daily sightseeing tours.

Pre-Conference Tour - "Gallipoli & İzmir"

- 18 June 2009 Battlefields, Turkish, ANZAC and British War Memorials
- 19 June 2009 Pergamum, the Asclepion and the Red Court, İzmir
- 20 June 2009 The House of Virgin Mary, Ephesus, İzmir, Kusadasi

Post-Conference Tour - "Ankara & Cappadocia"

- 27 June 2009 Museum of Anatolian Civilisations, Mausoleum of Ataturk
- 28 June 2009 Goreme Open Air Museum, Pigeon Valley, Derwent Valley, Zelve etc.
- 29 June 2009 Kaymakli Underground City

Daily Sightseeing Tours

- **Imperial Tour** St. Sophia, Blue Mosque, Museum of Turkish & Islamic Art, Bazaar
- **Ottoman Wonders** Topkapi Palace inc Treasury, Süleymaniye Mosque, Golden Horn
- **Bosporus Cruise** Egyptian Spice Bazaar, Boat tour along the Bosphorus
- **Maiden's Tower** Beylerbeyi Palace, Maiden's Tower
- **Prince's Islands**
- **Istanbul by Night**

For details visit the conference web site at <http://www.imo.org.tr/eqt2009>

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Final Announcement

22-24 June 2009

ITU Suleyman Demirel Cultural Center

Istanbul, Turkey



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World Council of Civil Engineers



Introduction

The World Council of Civil Engineers (WCCE), the European Council of Civil Engineers (ECCE) and the Turkish Chamber of Civil Engineers (TCCE) are jointly organising a conference on the civil engineering disaster mitigation activities concerning earthquake and tsunami to be held in Istanbul, Turkey on June 22-24, 2009.

All those interested in various aspects of the seismic risk reduction problem are invited to participate in the above mentioned WCCE-ECCE-TCCE Joint Conference.

Objectives

The major objective of the Joint Conference is to contribute to the mitigation of life and material losses in earthquake and tsunami through improved civil engineering practice. The emphasis of the conference will be on the Millennium Development Goals, through seismically safe schools, hospitals, dwellings etc., or more generally, seismically safe and sustainable built environment.

As the title implies, the scope of the conference is limited to the civil engineering related disaster mitigation activities concerning the problems of earthquake and tsunami.

Conference Themes

- Lessons Learnt from Recent Earthquakes & Tsunamis
- Disaster Mitigation vis-à-vis the Millennium Development Goals
- Seismic Design Considerations and Codes
- Seismic Risk Assessment and Retrofitting of Existing Structures
- Earthquake & Tsunami Modelling

Conference Structure

A keynote speech informing the civil engineering community about the recent progress in the area of earthquake & tsunami disaster mitigation will precede each session. The keynote speakers will include

Atilla Ansal, <i>Turkey</i>	James O. Jirsa, <i>USA</i>
Mauro Dolce, <i>Italy</i>	Wang Lanmin, <i>China</i>
Mustafa Erdik, <i>Turkey</i>	Murat Saatcioglu, <i>Canada</i>
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Masanouri Hamada, <i>Japan</i>	Robin Spence, <i>UK</i>
Kenji Ishihara, <i>Japan</i>	Theo P. Tassios, <i>Greece</i>

Keynote speeches and paper abstracts will be collected in a special volume to be presented to the participants at the time of registration.

Nearly fifty carefully selected papers reflecting civil engineering best practice and up-to-date research will be orally presented at the conference. About twenty posters will be displayed and summarized in short presentations. A Conference Proceedings CD including all the papers accepted to the conference and a Volume of Expanded Abstracts will also be presented to the participants at the time of registration.

Conference Programme

The Tentative Conference Programme is given as an annex at the end of this announcement.

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(*) Republic of Turkey recognises Macedonia with its constitutional name.

Conference Dates

The three-day Joint Conference will precede the WCCE General Assembly Meeting.

Sat & Sun, 20&21 June 2009	Arrivals & registration & pre-conference tour (optional)
Mon to Wed, 22-24 June 2009	WCCE-ECCE-TCCE Joint Conference
Thursday, 25 June 2009	WCCE Executive Committee & Standing Committees
Friday, 26 June 2009	WCCE General Assembly
Sat & Sun, 27&28 June, 2009	Departures & post-conference tour (optional)

Conference Venue

The Conference will be held in Istanbul, a major destination for most of the international airlines. Conference activities will take place in the Istanbul Technical University-ITU Suleyman Demirel Cultural Center, a perfect facility suitably located between the Town Centre and the most attractive section of the Bosphorus.

Situated on two continents (Europe and Asia), Istanbul has been host to many civilizations with different cultures, like Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman Empires for thousands of years. This unique city has a variety of landmarks such as ancient structures, magnificent historical palaces, world famous museums, natural scenes, cultural events as well as the modern life of a world metropolis.

Registration Fees

The registration fees listed below covers the volume of keynote speeches and that of abstracts and the proceedings CD in a conference bag, lunches and coffee breaks, the welcome cocktail and the gala dinner.

- Participants € 450
- WCCE, ECCE, TCCE individual members € 350
- Students (no gala dinner) € 150
- Accompanying persons (no lunches) € 150

Registration form and information concerning accommodation can be found on the conference web site.

Continuing Education Credits

The participants will be awarded continuing education credits by TCCE. Furthermore, application to IACET for international accreditation is currently in process.