

BIDDING FOR 2017 WFNS

XVI. World Congress of Neurosurgery

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Destination İstanbul



Istanbul is the European Capital of Culture in 2010,
is ready to host the XVI. World Congress of
Neurosurgery on behalf of the WFNS.



OUTLINE of PROPOSAL

Overview of the 16th WFNS World Congress

*Name of Congress: 16th World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies' World Congress of Neurosurgery

*Dates: September 1-3, 2017 (Pre-meeting activities)
September 4-8, 2017 (Meeting)

*Expected Attendance: 6,000 participants with 1,500 accompanying persons.

The 16th WFNS World Congress will be an excellent opportunity to exchange ideas with international colleagues, to establish new professional contacts and friendships, and to enjoy Istanbul; a fabulous city of timeless treasure, a place where East meets West, and one of the most popular international congress and exhibition destinations.

Turkish Neurosurgical Society offers a range of opportunities for attendees from developing countries. TNS will provide sponsorship for 100 young neurosurgeons from developing countries for WFNS 2017 Congress.

With its strong leadership and high professionalism, the Turkish Neurosurgical Society has every capability to host the 16th WFNS World Congress of Neurosurgery successfully.



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“Let’s meet where the continents meet”



The Bosphorus Bridge: It was completed in 1973 between two continents Europe and Asia. Since April 2007, a fully computerized LED lighting system of changing colours and patterns, illuminates the bridge at night.





Official Letter of Invitation

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Turkish Neurosurgical Society we extend you our warm and hospitable wishes, hoping to welcome you to Istanbul for the WFNS congress in 2017.

The history of neurosurgery in Turkey shows a long-term commitment to our profession as well as a strong development during the last year. Your Turkish colleagues would like to host you in our beautiful country and share with you our ideas and insights, as well as learn eagerly from you.

Therefore our main goal for the 16th Congress of WFNS is to realize a scientific environment where recent developments in neurosurgery are reviewed, the results of research are discussed and ideas are exchanged. During the congress regional and global aspects of social, political and economical issues related to the neurosurgical sciences will be discussed.

The potential congress venue, Harbiye Congress Centre is located in the heart of the city's business, cultural, gastronomic and commercial districts and in walking distance of many 4 and 5 star hotels housing about 5000 guests.

Istanbul is the only city in the world built on two continents. It stands on the shores of the Bosphorus (Istanbul Bogazi) where the waters of the Black Sea meet those of the Sea of Marmara and the Golden Horn. Istanbul is a province meant to be a capital and has been the capital of three great empires: Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman, which dominated the world. The city is a meeting place of people of many religions and culture who came together and live in peace. Today the province houses the precious remains of these civilizations and stands with all her glamour and mysticism as a harmonious link between East and West, antique and modern. The city is one of the most beautiful, enchanting and lively cities of the world. It has an atmosphere of its own with its life-style, people and numerous attractions. Istanbul is a perfect meeting city, which will leave you with ever lasting memories.

We look forward to seeing you in Istanbul in 2017.
Sincerely yours.



Murad Bavbek
Murad Bavbek, MD
President of Turkish
Neurosurgical Society
Vice President of WFNS 2017
Congress Bidding Committee



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President of WFNS 2017
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History of Neurosurgery in Turkey

As the land of Turkey (Asia Minor) which lies like a "bridge" between Europe and Asia hosted many significant civilizations since prehistoric times such as Hittite, Urartian, Persian, Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Seljuk and Ottoman, it is understandable that this territory also preserves treasures of medical history. These civilizations, which determined the world history for thousands of years left marks that are very important for the history of neuroscience. During a visit to Turkey, it is possible to trace back these civilizations and become a part of this history.



Figure 1. Urartu

Besides of tens of craniectomy samples excavated in archeological researches in Turkey, the first sample of osteoplastic craniotomy which belongs to Urartians (8th century BC) in Neolithic period, possibly performed to evacuate epidural hematoma is also particularly important in history of neurosurgery (Figure 1). It is still possible to explore the site of Trojan War and imagine scenes from the war as told by Homer in Iliad, the oldest extant work of literature, in which the cases of neurotrauma described in detail.

Despite their undeniable value in the history of medicine and neuroscience, the fact that Herophilus, the father of the anatomy, the first to systematically perform scientific dissections of human cadavers was born in Chalcedon, Istanbul (3rd cent. BC); Asclepiades (124-70 BC) who was a pioneer in the humane treatment of patients with mental disorders and first to describe the technique of tracheotomy was from Bursa (Prusa, Bithynia); Rufus (A.D. 2nd cent.) who described that the nerves originates from the brain and some associated with movement where others with senses, was from Ephesus, İzmir is probably known by only a few people. Theophrastos of Ephesus (370-280 B.C.), Dioscorides of Anazarbus (AD 40-90), Aretaeus of Cappadocia (A.D. 81-138), Soranus of Ephesus (A.D 81-138) and many others can be added to these names.

May Galen (A.D. 131-201), about whom there are many researches today and is accepted as the most outstanding physician after Hippocrates be also from the land of Turkey? If we tell you that his real name is Galen of Pergamum (İzmir) than this historical profile who did detailed researches on brain, cranial nerves and spinal cord and named many structures, will mean a lot more to you and you will be further enlightened about history of both medicine and neurosurgery by visiting his homeland.

In the period of Byzantine Empire which dominated in Istanbul more than one thousand years, Oribasius of Constantinople (A.D. 325-403), Aetius of Amida (A.D. 502-575): Alexander of Tralles (A.D. 525-605), Theophrastos of Ephesus (370-280 BC) and many others made very significant contributions to Neuroscience.



Figure 2. Sabuncuoğlu

Şerafeddin Sabuncuoğlu (1386-1470) created historically valuable surgical atlas "Cerrahiyyetü'l - Haniyye" in which he described many of the neurosurgical procedures. This atlas is one of the first to illustrate surgical techniques in unique miniatures (Figure 2).



The Turkish Neurosurgical Society

Founded in 1985, the Turkish Neurosurgical Society (TNS) is a scientific and educational association with over 1,300 members worldwide. The main objects of the Society are the study and advancement of the art and science of neurosurgery and research into the cause, prevention and cure of disease in human beings in the field of neurosurgery. By promoting the advancement and dissemination of neurosurgery through the publication of the theory and application of neurosurgery, the exchange of knowledge, and both cooperation between the members and with related academic societies in Turkey and worldwide, TNS gained strong leadership and high professionalism.

TNS is one of the best-organized national societies in Turkey, and held 24 national congresses, as well as many symposia, courses and hands-on workshops annually. TNS held not only annual scientific meetings, but also held many international congresses successfully, such as 6th Black Sea Neurosurgical Congress and 1st Middle East Neurosurgical Symposia. To implement, improve and promote the standards of neurosurgical care and training, Turkish Neurosurgery Society created many sections for different subspecialties as follows;

1. Spine and Peripheral Nerve Surgery Section
2. Pediatric Neurosurgery Section
3. Neuro-oncologic Surgery Section (incl. Skull base Surgery Section)
4. Neurotrauma and Intensive Care Section
5. Neurovascular Surgery Section
6. Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery Section (incl. Pain and Epilepsy surgery)
7. Surgical Neuro-anatomy Section

Much of the important work of the TNS has been the job of its different committees. Currently, there are 24 active TNS committees; some of them are as follows;

1. Education and Training Board
2. Board of the Turkish Neurosurgical Society Publications
3. Basic Course in Neurosurgery Working Group
4. The Turkish Board of Neurosurgical Surgery
5. Ethics Committee
6. External Relations Committee
7. Young Neurosurgeons Committee
8. Social Affairs and Relations Committee
9. Professional Personnel Rights Committee
10. Malpractice, Finance, Insurance & Legal Committee
11. Awards and Scholarship Program Assessment Committee
12. Long Term Planning Committee





Letters of Recommendation



*Republic of Turkey
The President*

Ankara, 22nd July 2010

Dear Dr. Azevedo-Filho,

As the President of the Republic of Turkey, I am very pleased to pledge my support to the Turkish Neurosurgical Society (TNS) Bidding Committee for hosting the 16th World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies (WFNS) World Congress in 2017 in Istanbul.

Turkey, with an ancient and historical cultural heritage, enjoys a unique geopolitical position in the world. Moreover, as 2010 European Capital of Culture, Istanbul is rapidly becoming one of the most popular international congress and exhibition destinations.

I believe this congress in Istanbul will be a wonderful opportunity not only for sharing your experience and knowledge but also for building effective professional networks among your members. I am also sure that with its strong leadership and high professionalism, TNS will make the congress a success.

I would like to reiterate that Turkey is ready to host 16th WFNS World Congress and to welcome the WFNS members and guests in Istanbul in 2017.

Abdullah GÜL

Hildo Azevedo-Filho
Secretary, WFNS
Professor&Chairman of Neurological Hospital
da Restauração
University of Pernambuco
Brazil



Letters of Recommendation



REPUBLIC OF TURKEY
MINISTRY OF HEALTH

2 June 2010

Dear Dr. Azevedo,

I have learned with great pleasure that Turkey is a candidate to host WFNS 16th International Congress of Neurological Surgery in 2017 in Istanbul. In this context, I would like to inform you that we will be honored to host one of the Congresses of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies and receive the distinguished participants in Turkey.

Being the only city in the world uniting two continents, Istanbul is one of the art and culture capitals in Europe. With its modern infrastructure, state of art venues and luxurious accommodation facilities, Istanbul now is one of the world's leading destinations for international meetings, congresses and exhibitions.

All these elements, together with medical and scientific potential, the know-how of its hospitals, the large number of young researchers in the areas of science and technology make Istanbul the ideal location for this Congress.

I strongly endorse the candidature of "Turkish Neurosurgical Society" to host the WFNS 16th International Congress of Neurological Surgery in Istanbul, Turkey in 2017.

Yours Sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Recep Akdağ
Minister

Mr. Hildo Azevedo- Filho, MD.PhD
Secretary, WFNS
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REPUBLIC OF TURKEY
MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND TOURISM

THE UNDERSECRETARY

Hildo Azevedo-Filho, MD, PhD, MSc, FRCS SN
Secretary, WFNS

Ankara, May 2010

Dear Dr. Azevedo-Filho,

On behalf of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Turkey, I am glad to inform you about our support to the Turkish Neurosurgical Society (TNS) to host the 16th WFNS International Congress of Neurological Surgery in Turkey in 2017.

Turkey has so much to offer for her visitors: breathtaking natural beauties, unique historical and archaeological sites, high quality hotels, tourism services and infrastructure, competitive prices and a tradition of hospitality. It is not surprising therefore that Turkey has recently become one of the world's most popular tourism destinations.

Istanbul is truly a world city, an enchanting blend of Eastern and Western culture as it is the only city in the world which extends both on Europe and Asia. Thus, it is a vibrant, modern city with a unique identity. Istanbul is Turkey's cultural and business centre and it is rapidly becoming one of the most popular international congress and exhibition destinations. I am sure that the TNS will be able to make the 16th WFNS International Congress of Neurological Surgery a truly memorable experience for all participants.

We look forward to welcoming you to Istanbul, Turkey.

Sincerely,

İsmet YILMAZ



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Prof. Dr. Cevdet ERDÖL

Trabzon Milletvekili
Sağlık, Aile, Çalışma ve Sosyal İşler
Komisyonu BaşkanıHildo Azevedo- Filho, MD, PhD, MSc, FRCS SN
Secretary, WFNS
Dear Dr. Azevedo- Filho

As the Head of the Commission on Health, Family, Labour and Social Affairs of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, I have the pleasure of announcing our support to the Turkish Neurosurgical Society (TNS) to host the 16th WFNS World Congress of Neurological Surgery.

Turkey, a physical and cultural bridge between Europe and Asia, bordering 12 nations and four seas, such a melting pot of civilizations and cultures. Istanbul has everything you need to organize memorable and successful congress and offers you an outstanding combination of state-of-the-art facilities and superior service.

Founded in 1985, the TNS is a professional, scientific, non-governmental organization, representing ~1200 neurosurgeons worldwide. I am pleased to have the opportunity to recommend TNS as the hosting organization of the congress and to add my support to the bid. I believe TNS will create the most successful congress at the highest scientific level.

Yours sincerely,

15th June, 2010

Prof. Dr. Cevdet ERDÖL
Head of the Commission on Health, Family,
Labour and Social Affairs of the Grand
National Assembly of Turkey



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İSTANBUL VALİLİĞİ

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Recife 50070-460, Brazil

İstanbul, 26th of July 2010

Dear Professor Hildo Azevedo-Filho,

I am delighted to hear that İstanbul is being proposed as a venue for the 2017 Congress of the World Federation of the Neurosurgical Societies.

The amazing beauty of İstanbul, city on two continents, will enable the participants to experience an unforgettable congress in 2017. İstanbul is definitely an excellent choice to hold important events, since it provides professional meeting and recreation facilities and a very efficient and comfortable accommodations network. Furthermore, spending some time within our community will also give you a unique opportunity to enjoy the warm Turkish hospitality.

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

Sincerely Yours,




Hüseyin Avni MUTLU
Governor of İstanbul



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July 20, 2010

Dear Sir,

I would like to express my great pleasure at having learned that Istanbul is being proposed as the venue for the 16th WFNS International Congress of Neurological Surgery in 2017.

I firmly believe that the 16th WFNS International Congress of Neurological Surgery in Istanbul would offer the participants an outstanding environment for the exchanges of information on the latest developments in the field.

Combining an amazing historical and cultural heritage with its modern venues, Istanbul has recently hosted many major events like Eurovision Song Contest 2004, NATO Summit 2004, 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 2009 and IMF Meetings-2009. As the European Capital of Culture-2010, Istanbul will continue hosting many international events with its world famous Turkish hospitality.

On this occasion, I would like to assure you that Istanbul, which is a world city where many international congresses and conferences have been successfully realized, will be hosting the WFNS International Congress of Neurological Surgery in 2017 with resounding success.

Sincerely Yours,



Kadir TOPBAŞ
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01 June 2010

Dear Dr. Azevedo- Filho,

I am very pleased to add the support of the Turkish Medical Association (TMA) to the Turkish Neurosurgical Society (TNS) Bidding Committee for the 16th WFNS World Congress of Neurological Surgery's offer to host the 16th WFNS World Congress of Neurological Surgery in 2017.

TMA a public association has been founded in 1953 and %80 (83.000) of country's physicians are members of TMA. TMA has been founded to protect and improve the public health conditions of Turkey and work for accessible, high quality health care for everyone, to adequately protect the morals of profession, to speak in every field of medical education, to express benefits of medical profession in every platform, and to protect the materialistic and spiritual rights of profession and members.

I believe and confirm that Turkish Neurosurgical Society is one of the best-organized societies in Turkey. With its strong leadership and high professionalism, it is my sincere belief that the TNS has every capability to host the 16th WFNS World Congress of Neurosurgery successfully.

I am pleased to have the opportunity to recommend TNS as the hosting organization of the congress. It will be a pleasure for us to welcome the WFNS members and guests for 16th WFNS World Congress of Neurological Surgery in İstanbul.

With our sincere regards,

Prof. Dr. Gencay Gürsoy
President of Turkish Medical Association



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TURKISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

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02/06/2010

Dear Dr. Azevedo- Filho,

On behalf of the Turkish Academy of Sciences (TÜBA), I have the honor to inform you of our support the bid by the Turkish Neurosurgical Society (TNS) to host the 16th WFNS International Congress of Neurological Surgery in 2017.

The TÜBA has founded in 1993, is an autonomous body, which determines its organizational structure and activities on the principle of scientific merit. Its aims are to establish the criteria of scientific excellence in Turkey, to encourage and foster scientific endeavors, to ensure that scientific principles be applied in all spheres and to create an environment of debate so that basic social strategies may be defined in the light of scientific and technological data.

TÜBA strongly support the TNS for bringing the WFNS World Congress to Istanbul in 2017.

I would like to recommend the TNS as the most suitable and capable academic organization to make the 16th WFNS World Congress of Neurological Surgery a great success.

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Yucel KANPOLAT
President
Turkish Academy of Sciences

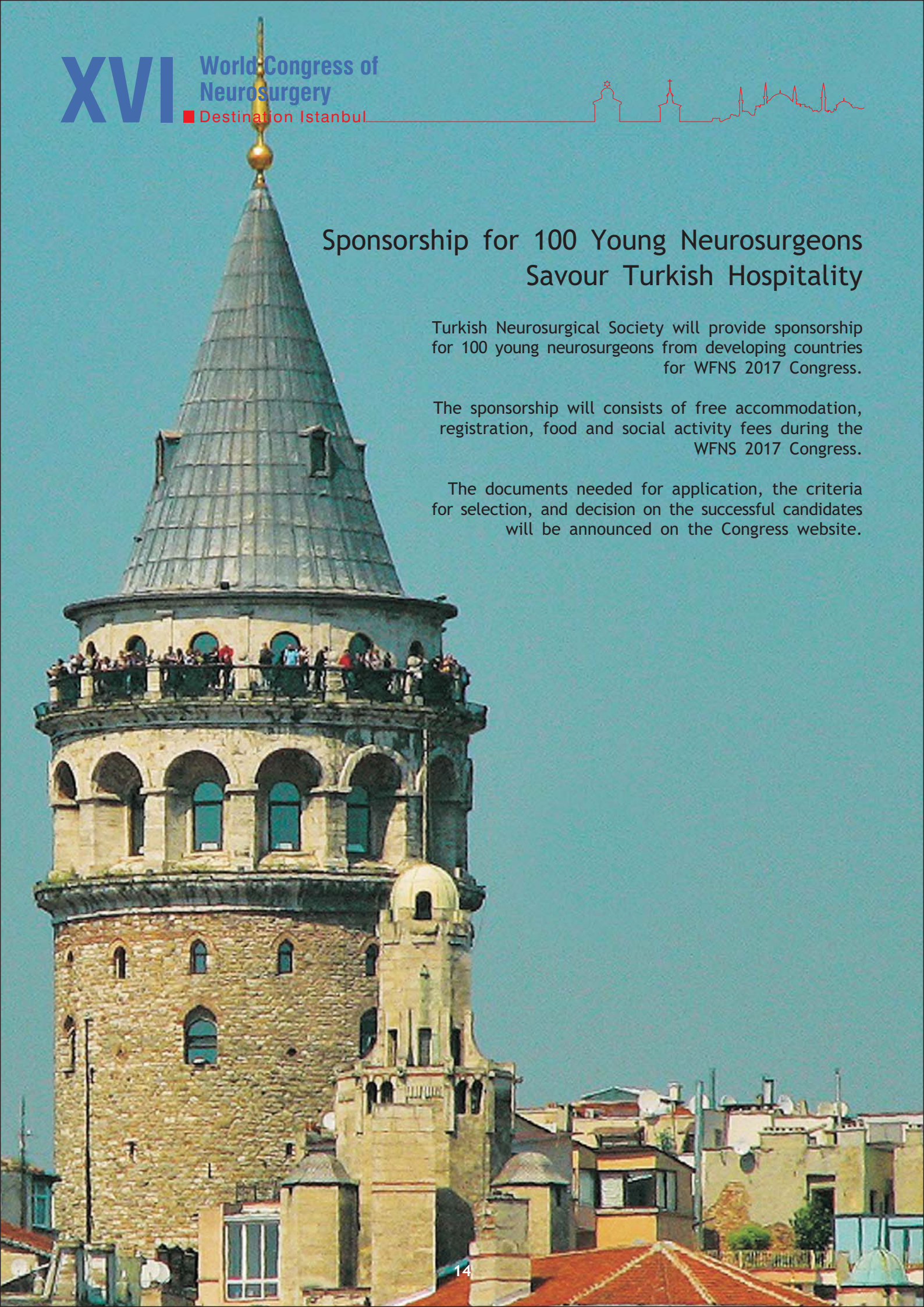


Sponsorship for 100 Young Neurosurgeons Savour Turkish Hospitality

Turkish Neurosurgical Society will provide sponsorship for 100 young neurosurgeons from developing countries for WFNS 2017 Congress.

The sponsorship will consists of free accommodation, registration, food and social activity fees during the WFNS 2017 Congress.

The documents needed for application, the criteria for selection, and decision on the successful candidates will be announced on the Congress website.





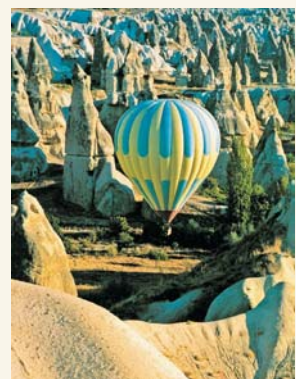
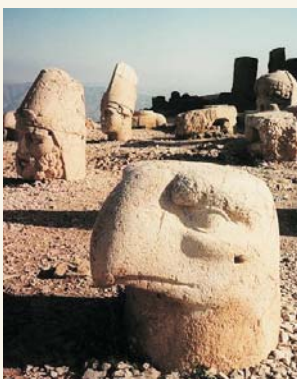
Turkey: Where Culture, History and Nature Meets

Welcome to Turkey, a country that bridges two continents and which for over ten thousand years has been the home of the great cultures and civilizations of the world! When in Turkey, one is in the land of the 'Mother Sun', who gives her name to the land 'Anatolia'. The 8000-kilometer long seductive coastline displays limitless shades of 'Turquoise' for one to enjoy. The golden beaches, undiscovered virgin bays, and the whisper of gentle breezes await one there.



When you are in Turkey, you breathe the same air as Homer, who created the Aegean legacy and as Mevlana, the great philosopher, who said: 'Come again, come whoever you are!' And think of Yunus Emre, the great poet of universal love; Marcus Antonius and Cleopatra, who chose the Mediterranean coast of Anatolia for their honeymoon; Noah, who made possible the 'Second Life' of humanity; the saints Virgin Mary and St. John who found peace in this land; and Atatürk, the charismatic leader, who founded the contemporary Republic of Turkey; all have experienced the wonders of this mystical land.

This is a land, where the fabulous gods and goddesses of mythology lived their grandeur, where you have the chance to bathe in the waters, where the Aphrodite once bathed, or to celebrate wine festivals, which Dionysus had inspired. Many poets and painters lost their hearts to the diversity of this land. One moment you are in the Early Bronze Age, another you live the richness of the Roman Civilization, or you may feel yourself like a Sultan in the glamorous palaces of the Ottoman Empire. You are very welcome!





Why Turkey?

Rich in history and cultural heritage, Turkey is a door to a world of amazing possibilities. Turkey is a magnificent place for meetings, incentives and congresses there where Europe and Asia meet. Turkey offers a richness of first class hotels, resort and conference facilities, easy transportation to many cities of the world, beautiful decorations and unique panorama attractions. A perfect climate and low cost advantages complete the image of a successful destination for international meetings and events. Traditional Turkish hospitality, high quality national food and wines, endless amusement and leisure possibilities are available to all delegates attending congresses to be organized in Turkey.





General Information About Turkey

The **Republic of Turkey** or **Turkey** (Turkish: Türkiye), is a bi-continental country that is located mainly in the Middle East (Southwest Asia) and partly in Southeast Europe; The Anatolian peninsula comprises most (97%) of its territory, and is situated between the Black Sea on the north and the Mediterranean Sea to south and west, with the Aegean Sea (and Marmara Sea) in between. A small portion of Turkey's territory (3%) is situated in south-eastern Europe, west of the Bosphorus straits.

Language

Turkish is a Ural-Altaic language related to the Finno-Ugric. Turkish is written in a Latin alphabet and spoken by some 150-200 million people around the world. English, German and French are widely spoken in cities and resorts.

Currency

The Turkish Lira is available in notes and coins. The exchange rate is determined daily; several banks and exchange offices are available. Traveler's checks can be cashed in most banks. Hotels and many shops and restaurants accept foreign currency. There is no limit to the amount of foreign currency that travelers can bring cash. Hotels, most restaurants and shops accept all major credit cards (American Express, VISA, MasterCard, Diners Club) Tax: The current VAT rate in Turkey is 18% except for accommodation which is currently %8. Please note that these rates are subject to change.

Time zone:

Turkey is in the Eastern European Time Zone. Eastern European Standard Time (EET) is 2 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+2).

Climate:

Due to the variety of its physical features, Turkey possesses a mixed range of different climate types. The Mediterranean and Aegean coasts have mild winters and hot summers whereas the Black Sea coasts have a wetter climate with rain all year round. The region of Marmara where Istanbul is located, climate is a combination of both with pleasantly warm spring and fall, with hot dry summer and relatively cold winter.

Electricity

Voltage in use is 220 V.

Weight and Measures

Turkey uses the metric system for weight and measures.

Opening and Closing Times

Banks are open weekdays; 08.30 am - noon and 1.30 pm - 5.00 pm. Mosques are usually open to the public except prayer hours. Museums are generally open Tuesday-Sunday 9.30 am - 4.30 pm and closed Monday Shops are closed all day Sunday except for large malls.

Turkish Hospitality

Hospitality is one of the cornerstones of the Turkish way of life. Turkish people are the most gracious and generous hosts as a result of their natural instincts. In every corner of the country such a traditional hospitality will meet you. Every individual feels bound to honor his guest in the best possible manner.

Turkish Cuisine

The Turkish Cuisine has the extra privilege of being at the crossroads of the Far East and the Mediterranean, which mirrors a long and complex history of Turkish migration from the steppes of Central Asia, where they mingled with the Chinese, to Europe where they exerted influence all the way to Vienna. All these unique characteristics and history have bestowed upon the Turkish Cuisine a rich and varied number of dishes, which can be prepared and combined with other dishes in meals of almost indefinite variety. Whether at home or at a famous restaurant or at a dinner in a mansion, familiar patterns of this rich and diverse cuisine are always present.



Istanbul: The Ultimate Metropolis

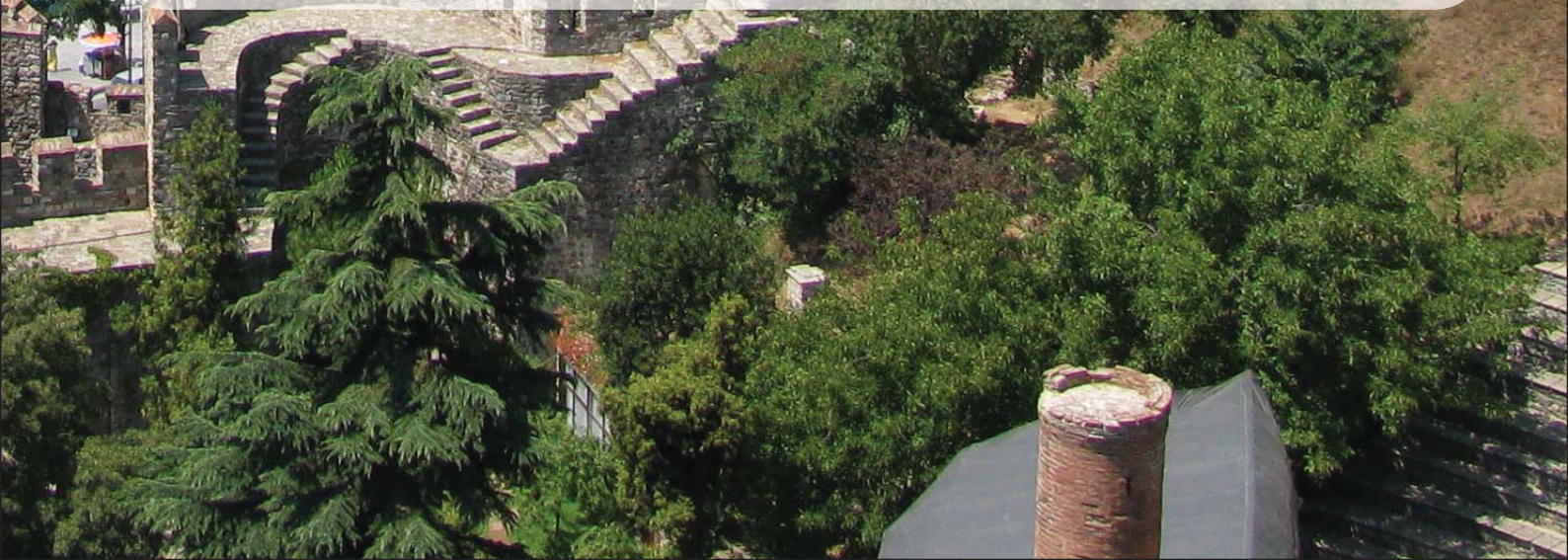
"There God and human, nature and art are together, they have created such a perfect place that it is valuable to see." Lamartine's famous poetic line reveals his love for Istanbul, describing the embracing of two continents, with one arm reaching out to Asia and the other to Europe. Istanbul, once known as the capital of capital cities, has many unique features. It is the only city in the world to straddle two continents, and the only one to have been a capital during two consecutive empires - Christian and Islamic. Once capital of the Ottoman Empire, Istanbul still remains the commercial, historical and cultural pulse of Turkey, and its beauty lies in its ability to embrace its contradictions. Ancient and modern, religious and secular, Asia and Europe, mystical and earthly all co-exist here. Its variety is one of Istanbul's greatest attractions: The ancient mosques, palaces, museums and bazaars reflect its diverse history. The thriving shopping area of Taksim buzzes with life and entertainment. And the serene beauty of the Istanbul strait, Princes Islands and parks bring a touch of peace to the otherwise chaotic metropolis.



Istanbul: A unique city on two continents; easy to reach with direct flights; higher participation with attendance of local and regional doctors; state-of-the-art meeting facilities; excellent accommodation in walking distance, unique event venues.



A lively and friendly city with an enormously rich culture and history. Even if only once in your life you should experience the buzz of Istanbul. Be ready for exciting entertainment and memorable tours.





Interesting Sites of Istanbul



Hagia Sophia



Topkapı Palace



Princess Islands



Istanbul city walls



Hippodrome



Dolmabahçe Palace



Rumeli Castle



Bosphorus



Süleyman Mosque



Beylerbeyi Palace



Galata Tower



Basilica Cistern



Istanbul Museum of
Modern Art



Blue Mosque



Kız Kulesi (Maiden Tower)



Istanbul Archaeological
Museums



PREVIOUS INTERNATIONAL CONGRESSES HELD in ISTANBUL

Name of the Congress	Number of Participant
Water World Forum	30.000 Participants
Habitat 2 Conference	18.000 Participants
World Bank - IMF Annual Meetings	15.000 Participants
Congress of the European Renal Association	7.000 Participants
22 nd Congress of European College of Neuropsychopharmacology	6.000 Participants
17 th World Congress of the Accountants	6.000 Participants
22 nd Congress of International Union of Architects	6.000 Participants
11 th European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases	5.000 Participants
31 st IRU World Congress	3.000 Participants
69 th International Congress of Pharmaceutical Federation	2.500 Participants
99 more ...	





Access & Transportation

Istanbul is accessible by air, sea, rail, and road. Air transport is perhaps the most significant considering overall congress requirements, but other modes of transportation maybe more convenient for visitors from neighboring countries.

AIR:

Atatürk International Airport is located at 24 km south west of city and able to welcome more than 20 million passengers every year. Getting from the airport to the city entails a bus, taxi or taxi-train trip combination.

Sabiha Gokcen International Airport is located on the Anatolian shore of Istanbul at a distance of 50 km to Taksim.

A big number of popular regular services from the Middle East, the USA, and Australia drop in on Istanbul. More than 111 non-stop international flights are serviced by national carrier Turkish Airlines per day to both of the airports in Istanbul. Together there are some 430 international flights per day.

ROAD:

A number of local bus companies service other European destinations

RAIL:

Connections to European capitals as well as to Ankara, Izmir and East Anatolian cities.

SEA:

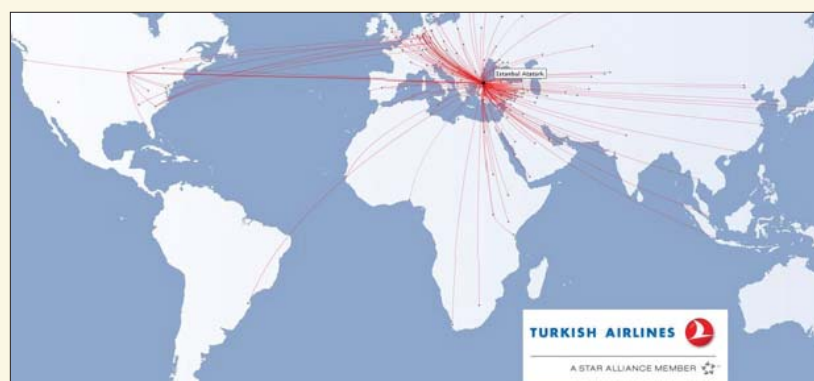
Connections to European ports and a port-of-call for Mediterranean Cruises.



TURKISH AIRLINES

Turkish Airlines, the flag carrier of Turkey, organizes expeditions to 33 domestic and 109 international points (with 34 domestic and 111 international airports, totally 145 airports). In all these points, there are sales / station units, agencies and general sales agencies to serve passengers.

TURKISH AIRLINES will be appointed as the official airline for the WFNS 2017 Congress and will offer special discounted rate to the participants.





Access & Transportation

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.



BUSES

Metropolitan buses in Istanbul are frequent and economic. They travel to almost any point within the city and some villages around the city.



RAILWAY

The modern subway and tram system is one of the most convenient means of transportation in Istanbul.



SUBWAY

The Istanbul Metro, or the M2, is a mass transit underground railway network, running from the Airport to the Sarıyer.



TRAM

The tramline lines are Zeytinburnu-Kabatas, Güngören-Bagcilar and Edirnekapi-Sultançiftligi. Taksim, the cultural and entertainment center of the city is accessible from Kabatas by a short funicular railway.



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.



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.



DOLMUS

One practical solution to transportation in Istanbul is the dolmus, a shared taxi seating 7 or 8 passengers that operates on specific routes through the busiest parts of the city until midnight.

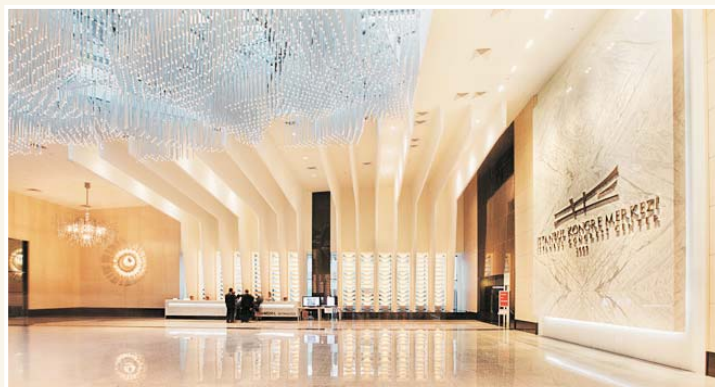


Meeting Facility

The congress valley is in the business heart of Istanbul which is becoming a leading meeting area of the world. This brand new building is designed to add value to city's social life. Harbiye Congress Centre, which has 12 floors and a total of 111.000m2 construction area, is designed for great organizations. With other facilities, 118.531,69m2 is ready for international congresses, company meetings, fairs, exhibitions and all kinds of social, cultural, professional activities at any scale.

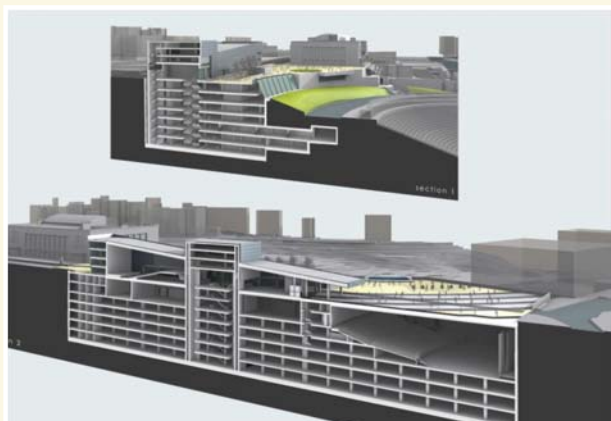


The main building is connected via 2 different entrances to Lutfi Kirdar International Exhibition and Congress Centre and includes Muhsin Ertugrul Theatre. Harbiye Congress Centre is not only very close to Istanbul's historical and tourism centers, but also enjoys great views on the natural beauties of the Bosphorus. Harbiye Congress Centre's location is in the congress valley with many first class hotels within walking distance. National and international delegates will be pleased having ample opportunities to enjoy the treasures of the city, whilst meeting with their peers and making new friends in a professional environment.





Capacities



Rooms	Theatre	Classroom	Boardroom	U-Shape	Round Table	Standing Cocktail	Height (m)	Room Size (m2)
Auditorium	2.234	740	527					3.028,15
Upper 1 Auditorium	961							
Upper 2 Auditorium	1.273							
Lower Auditorium		740	527					
Meeting Room 1	836	371	148	130	520	557	6.60	784,30
Meeting Room 2 (A+B)	833	370	148	130	518	555	6.60	781,30
Meeting Room 2A	414	184	73	64	260	267	6.60	388,78
Meeting Room 2B	415	184	73	65	268	276	6.60	389,18
Meeting Room 3 (A+B)	560	250	100	88	348	374	6.60	524,64
Meeting Room 3A	280	125	50	44	174	187	6.60	262,32
Meeting Room 3B	280	125	50	44	174	187	6.60	262,32
Meeting Room 4 (A+B+C)	1.408	625	250	219	876	938	6.60	1.320,62
Meeting Room 4A	380	169	67	59	236	259	6.60	356,84
Meeting Room 4B	628	279	111	97	390	418	6.60	589,16
Meeting Room 4C	359	160	63	55	223	239	6.60	336,16
Meeting Room 5	623	277	110	96	387	415	6.60	584,56
Meeting Room 6	182	85	34	30	119	128	2.70	180,84
Meeting Room 7	172	76	30	26	107	115	2.70	161,80
Meeting Room 8	97	43	17	15	60	64	2.70	91,02
Fair and Halls		4,955			4.955	6.260	7.20	7.302,81
3rd Basement Multi-purpose area					6.585	7.090	2.70	8.794,01
4rd Basement Multi-purpose area					2.591	2.790	2.70	3.461,76
5rd Basement Multi-purpose area					3.670	3.951	2.70	4.902,58
Foyer					1.507	2.010	2.70	2.993,93
Main Foyer					695	927	2.70	1.381,17
Upper Foyer					344	458	2.70	682,88
Upper Foyer					468	624	2.70	929,88
1st Basement Food court						900	2.70	1.116,39
2nd Basement cocktail area					1.036	1.116	2.70	1.384,76



Accommodation

In Istanbul, your delegates have over 60,000 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. A hideaway or the center of the action; Istanbul has it all. Istanbul has 68 five star hotels include leading international hotel brands, as well as distinguished local brands.. There are no restrictions on currency exchange or transfers in Turkey.

Room Capacity in Various Categories of Istanbul City

Category	Number of properties	Number of rooms	Room Rates - prices for 2010
5 star hotels	68	18,273	180+Euro
4 star hotels	99	11,291	120-225 Euro
3 star hotels	102	6,902	75-150 Euro
2 star hotels	76	2,724	
1 star hotels	14	398	
Specials category hotels	72	2,390	
Golf Hotels	3	1,095	
Motels	1	32	
Pensions	2	15	
Holiday Village	1	100	
Apart Hotel	5	264	
Municipality licenced	660	17,293	
TOTAL	1,102	60,777	

The total number of rooms at hotels within walking distance to congress center are:

Hilton Hotel	500	4 minutes
Hyatt Regency	360	7 minutes
Divan Hotel	250	8 minutes
Ceylan Intercontinental	300	8 minutes
Ritz Carlton	244	10 minutes
Elite World	180	8 minutes
The Marmara	387	15 minutes
Park Hyatt Hotel	180	15 minutes
4 Star Hotels	2917	5-10 minutes
Total	5318	



Financial Consideration

Anticipated Income and Expenses

Registration Income				
Member	2.000	x	550 USD	1.100.000 USD
Membar <i>(Developing Countries)</i>	1.000	x	385 USD	385.000 USD
Non Member	500	x	750 USD	375.000 USD
Non Member <i>(Developing Countries)</i>	500	x	525 USD	262.500 USD
Residents	500	x	300 USD	150.000 USD
Accompanying Persons, Exhibitors, etc.	1.500	x	250 USD	375.000 USD
	Total Registration Income			2.647.500 USD
Sponsorship Income				
Exhibit booths	400	x	3.000 USD	1.200.000 USD
Sponsorship & Advertising				300.000 USD
Total Sponsorship Income				1.500.000 USD
Total Anticipated Income				4.147.500 USD

Administrative Costs	Expenses of managing the meeting, Service Charge, etc.	250.000 USD
Congress Venue	Venue rental, beverage, technical equipment rental, host-hostess	1.000.000 USD
Marketing and Promotion	Design, printing, postage, advertising expenses etc.	500.000 USD
Offices and Committees	Direct expenses to convene the business of the WFNS and related ancillary groups	75.000 USD
Scientific Program	All related expenses to develop and implement the educational programs	500.000 USD
Social Program	Receptions, dinners, accompanying person tours, etc.	750.000 USD
Other	Transportation, gifts, etc.	250.000 USD
Total Anticipated Expenses		3.325.000 USD

Anticipated Income over Expenses	822.500 USD
Contribution to WFNS	350.000 USD
Balance of Income*	472.500 USD

* The Balance of the income will split 50-50 between the TNS and WFNS.

The preliminary budget is subject to change based on the economic constraints of the future.



Summary

The success of the 16th World Congress of the Neurosurgery in Istanbul relies on many elements. Most of these are principle standards for a successful meeting destination, such as easy accessibility, availability of affordable and comfortable accommodation, meeting facilities of high quality and an atmosphere conducive to higher learning and networking. Istanbul combines these high international standards with local flavors and other essential components such as a successful scientific program. In addition to that we believe Turkey's geographical location and its attraction guarantee a high interest of delegates and as such the success of the congress!

Neurosurgery in Turkey

There are currently around 1.400 active neurosurgeons in Turkey

Turkey in the Region

Countries in the close vicinity of Turkey have easy access to the country due to ample and economic travel opportunities, which generally results in a high congress attendance.

The Orient

For many delegates and their spouses this will be an excellent opportunity to visit the Orient. The history, culture and diversity of Turkey remain a huge attraction for many people around the globe and the congress offers a secure passage to an exciting visit!

Let's meet where the continents meet !



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