



6th

BLACK SEA Neurosurgical Congress



Military Museum and Cultural Center
Istanbul - TURKEY
October 16-18, 2009

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Abstract Submission Deadline	: 03 August 2009
Deadline for Early Bird Registration	: 03 August 2009
Notification of Acceptance of Abstracts	: 04 September 2009
Congress Dates	: 16 - 18 October 2009



WELCOME MESSAGE



Dear Colleagues

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, I am delighted to invite you to attend the 6th Black Sea Neurosurgical Congress, which will be held on October 16-18, 2009 in Military Museum and Cultural Center, Istanbul, Turkey. This biannual conference was first organized in Constanta Harbor, Romania (1999). 2nd Congress in Thessalonici, Greece (2001), 3rd Congress in Odessa, Ukraine (2003), 4th Congress in Chisinau, Moldova (2005) and 5th Congress in Krasnodar, Russia (2007). Sixth Congress will be held in Istanbul, Turkey.

With the rapid advancing in recent years, we believe that there is a need of cooperation for delievering the knowledge and expertise among the neurosurgeons of Black Sea Countries.

The site of the meeting will be Istanbul, one of the most historical cities of the world. Istanbul is not only a city along the shores of the Black Sea, it is also the only city that could bridge two continents.

The main objective of the congress is to offer a high-level communication platform, providing the opportunity to extend and to enrich the field of development of neurosurgery in the region. We invite all neurosurgeons in the region to submit abstracts for oral and poster presentations.

I look forward to seeing you in Istanbul on October, 2009 for this outstanding Black Sea Neurosurgical Congress for academic communication and friendship, and also enjoy the historic sightseeing and modern entertainment in the city of Istanbul.

With best regards.

Mehmet Zileli, M.D.

Congress President

Past President of the Turkish Neurosurgical Society

February 20, 2009



SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

Time	16 October 2009 Friday	17 October 2009 Saturday	18 October 2009 Sunday
Morning	Scientific Sessions	Scientific Sessions	Scientific Sessions
Lunch			Exhibition and Poster Presentation
Afternoon			Exhibition and Poster Presentation
Evening	Opening Ceremony & Welcome Reception		Exhibition and Poster Presentation



CALL FOR PAPERS

Abstract Submission

Authors must submit their abstracts via online. Please note that only electronic submissions will be accepted.

Deadline for Abstract Submission: 03 August 2009. Abstracts received after **03 August 2009** will not be accepted.

General Policies

1. Only original scientific material which has not been previously published.
2. Authors may submit more than one paper.
3. Abstracts must be submitted in English.
4. Each author will be required to provide his or her login user ID and a password. The online abstract submission programme will allow the author to return at a later time to update or edit the abstract before final submission. However, the abstract cannot be edited after final submission.
5. Upon submission, authors will receive a confirmation by e-mail. If you do not receive an e-mail confirmation after submitting your abstract, please contact the Congress Organization Secretariat.
6. Abstracts will be reviewed by an international panel of experts and are handled anonymously. An abstract may be selected for oral or poster presentation, or may be rejected.
7. Notifications of acceptance will be sent to presenting authors in **04 September 2009**. Details of the presentation format will be included in the notification.
8. Presenting authors of the abstracts (either oral or poster) are required to register and pay for the registration fee. Failure to do so will result in exclusion from the final programme.



CALL FOR PAPERS

Abstract Format

1. Word limit is 300 words. A maximum of 2 graphs, tables or images saved in JPEG/GIF/ TIF format of at least 300 dpi can be included in your abstract.
2. Abstract title must be in Title Case, e.g. Pediatric Neurosurgery. Title should be brief and clearly indicate the content of the abstract.
3. Author and co-author names, institutions, cities and countries are to be typed in appropriate boxes. Include family name and initials of author(s). Do not include degrees or professional titles (Dr, PhD, Prof, MD, etc.)

Abstract Content

Make the abstract as informative as possible. Conclusions must be supported by data. Organize the body of the abstract as follows: (a) objectives, (b) methods, (c) results, (d) conclusions. Use standard abbreviations and generic drug names. Place unusual abbreviations or acronyms in parentheses after first use. Do not identify author(s) or institution(s) in text.

Abstract Categories

- Neurooncology
- Vascular
- Spine
- Pediatric
- Craniocerebral Trauma
- Functional and Stereotactic
- Other Neurosurgical Topics

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REGISTRATION & ACCOMMODATION

Registration Fees

Category	Before 03 August 2009	After 03 August 2009	On site
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Accompanying Person	100.-Euro <input type="checkbox"/>	150.-Euro <input type="checkbox"/>	200.-Euro <input type="checkbox"/>
Exhibitor	200.-Euro <input type="checkbox"/>	250.-Euro <input type="checkbox"/>	250.-Euro <input type="checkbox"/>

Registration prices include;

Entitlements	Full Delegate & Exhibitor	Accompanying Person
Opening ceremony, welcome reception	✓	✓
Scientific session	✓	-
Technical exhibition	✓	✓
Industry symposia	✓	-
Congress bag, abstract book and proceedings	✓	-
Certificate of attendance	✓	-

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A copy of the receipt of the bank remittance should be attached to the Registration Form. All bank charges for remittance must be done by the remitter.

ACCOMMODATION

All hotels are ideally located in the neighbourhood of Military Museum and Cultural Center. Taksim region offers rich hotel alternatives at every category. Participants should arrange their accommodation reservations contacting directly by the hotels. For the participants who are willing to arrange their reservation through organization secretariat, please kindly contact at: blacksea2009@figur.net



GENERAL INFORMATION

Climate

The average temperature in Istanbul during October is 15-20°C during daytime, warm & sunny.

Time Zones

GMT Time Zone (+2 Turkey, Istanbul)

Passports & Visas

A valid passport is required for entry to Turkey. Citizens of a country which requires a visa for entry to Turkey are strongly advised to make their application in their home country at least one month before the intended date of travel. If in doubt, information can be obtained from your nearest Turkish Embassy or www.mfa.gov.tr

Electricity

The current in Turkey is 220 volts 50 Hz.

Communication

If your mobile phone does support such feature, your mobile phone shall automatically select the GSM operator. Public telephones operate with tokens or cards, sold at post offices or some booths. Through some of the public phones, there is access to AT&T and some other telecommunication networks - please check with your operator for the latest information. Fax messages can be sent from major post offices, or from the hotel.

Taxis

Available at taxi stands or hailed on the street. All are yellow and have meters.

Business, Banking & Shopping Hours

Offices and banks are generally open 9:00 AM to 5:00, PM Monday to Friday, with a break between 12:00 to 1:30 PM

Sightseeing Tours

Sightseeing tours will be organized before and after the congress. For this purpose, there will be a separate tour desk at the congress registration area. Tours will be organized in two different types, private tours for only one person and group tours. At least ten people must register for the group tours. For detailed information about the prices of the tours, you can apply to the congress organization secretariat.



CONGRESS INFORMATION

Congress Center

The 6th Black Sea Neurosurgical Congress will be held between the dates of 16-18 October 2009 in Military Museum & Cultural Center in Istanbul / Turkey.

Congress Language

The official language of the congress is English.

Web Site

The Congress website is www.blacksea2009.org. All the details concerning the Congress will be updated regularly on this site. Abstracts may be submitted by electronic means via internet from this website.

Letter of Invitation

Upon request, the Organization Committee will be pleased to send a personal invitation to all participants, to facilitate visa and other formalities. This letter should not be considered as an offer of financial support from the organizers.

Access and Transportation

Atatürk International Airport located 24 km southwest of city has a new terminal. Getting from the airport to the city entails a metro, havaş or taxi trip combination.

Registration and Information Services

Registration fees cover access to the opening ceremony, welcome reception, gala dinner, scientific sessions and the industry exhibits and the Congress documents (program, abstract and proceeding, books, congress bag and pen-notepad, access to technical exhibition, invitations). All participants who have not previously registered will be able to complete their registration formalities at the "On-Site Registration Desk" after **15 October 2009**.

Certificate of Attendance

A certificate of attendance will be presented to all registered participants.

Exhibition

The 6th Black Sea Neurosurgical Congress includes a commercial exhibition that will be open 16 - 17 - 18 October. For exhibition invitation and information, please contact the Congress Organization Secretariat at: blacksea2009@figur.net or visit the Congress web site: www.blacksea2009.org.



TURKEY

Turkey as a Destination

- Is known as the cradle of civilization since 9000 BC.
- Is central to Europe, Asia and the Middle East.
- Is surrounded by seas: The Black Sea, the Aegean Sea, the Mediterranean Sea.
- Is also acknowledged as Asia Minor; the Asian side of Turkey is referred to as Anatolia.
- Held grounds for the first known Human Rights Declaration in 1463, 485 years before the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- Is where Alexander the Great cut the intricate Gordian knot-a phrase commonly used for "solving difficult problems" today.
- Is the birthplace of King Midas-The Touch of Midas was said to turn everything into gold.
- Is the original, and again today's, destination of the well-renowned romantic train: The Orient Express.
- Was the center of two of the biggest empires in history, Byzantine and Ottoman.
- Has a 650 year old covered shopping area of 64 streets, 22 entrances and 25.000 workers the famous Grand Bazaar.
- Is the birthplace and home of St. Nicholas, popularly known as Santa Claus.
- Is a Republic, founded in 1923, after the collapse of the Ottoman Empire.
- Is where Noah's Ark landed, at Mount Ararat, Eastern Turkey.
- Is the location for two of the Seven Wonders of the World-the Temple of Artemis and the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus.
- Has a historical background in three of the world's major religions-Christianity, Judaism and Islam.
- Preserves the most valuable silk carpet in the world, in the Mevlana Museum, with 144 knots per sq.cm. In the 13th century, Marco Polo wrote "The best and handsomest of rugs are woven here and also silks of crimson and other rich colors."
- Is said to have provided the water for the Garden of Eden-from its 2 great rivers-Euphrates and Tigris.
- Is the birthplace of St. Paul for centuries.
- Is the only country in the world that stretches over two continents, Europe and Asia.





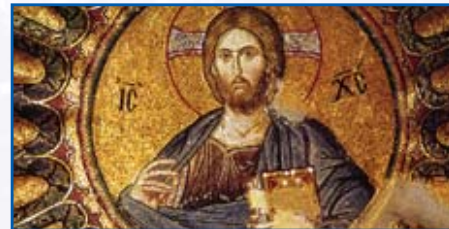
TURKEY

Geography

Geographically, Turkey is the centre between the West and the East, a junction between continental and peninsular Europe and the immense mass of the Afro-Asian continent stretching out south and eastwards. The country is a paradise of sun, sea, and mountains that offers the visitor an ideal climate and a variety of beautiful scenery.

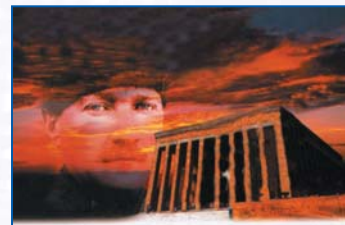
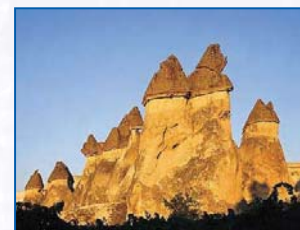
History

Historically, Turkey has been the home for many civilizations, such as the Hitites, Romans, Greeks, Byzantium, Seljuks and Ottomans. The country offers numerous legendary and historical sites, including the Hagia Sophia, the Topkapi Museum, Ephesus, Troy, the home of Homeros, Virgin Mary and the ruins of Aspendos.



Culture

Culture in Turkey - where three empires reigned each with its own religion, its own customs and traditions-is very rich in its diversity and forms. Throughout history many cultures found a home in Anatolia. The handcrafts of jewellery, embroideries, the traditional theatres, music, and dance and many more aspects of life reflect the richness of culture in Turkey.





ISTANBUL

Istanbul as a Destination

The eye gazes sleepily across the seductive blue sweep of these Bosphorus: One country - two continents. As diverse as night and day, the only thing they have in common is the miraculous mirage that is Istanbul - a skyline of sensually shaped mosques and minarets scattered across seven hills -

Istanbul is rapidly becoming one of the most popular international congress and exhibition destinations as a result of the increasing demand for suitable facilities. Istanbul is a city competing professionally to fulfill the demands.

Istanbul is the real Turkish delight, a mixture of old and new where east meets west. The city is an exciting combination of the splendors of the Ottoman past and the modern amenities of a wide variety of international deluxe 5-star hotels.

Guaranteed to make your meeting, conference or incentive a memorable success, Istanbul is the gateway to the rest of Turkey - definitely a paradise preserved.

A City of Harmony in a Country of Variety

The cultural diversity of Istanbul defies exaggeration. A Roman city converted to Christianity, it was also the seat of the Islamic the caliphate that preserved the patriarchate of Christian Orthodoxy. It has been a refuge for Jews fleeing Spain in the XV. Century and for those seeking asylum in 1930s. Belonging to 3 different religions and speaking 10 different languages, 26 ethnics groups live in Istanbul in harmony.

International Meetings in a Safe and Lively City

Istanbul is a metropolitan city with an advanced security planning and experience. The city has an astonishingly low record of crime according to Interpol statistics. General security is common in public places such as shopping centres and hotels and visitors should be prepared for security and/or identity checks at such places.

Entertainment

Istanbul is one of those metropolises of the world that never sleeps. Thousands of restaurants, bars, discos and nightclubs offer a variety of entertainment for all tastes.



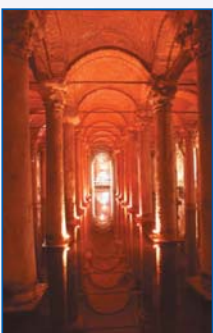
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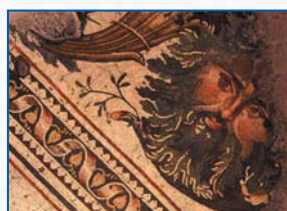
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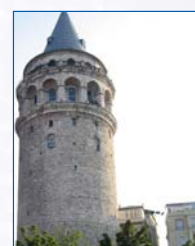
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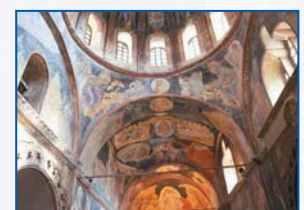
Underground Cistern



Kariye Museum



Galata Tower



Hagia Sophia



SIGHTSEEING TOURS



THE OLD CITY - MORNING

Blue Mosque

A 17th century Ottoman mosque, very famous for being the only one in the world with 6 minarets.

Hippodrome

The sports and entertainment centre of the old Roman city.

St. Sophia

The marvellous Byzantine basilica built in the 6th century. The 8th wonder of the world.

Süleymaniye Mosque

The largest mosque in Istanbul built by Sultan Suleyman the Magnificent in the 16th century.

Grand Bazaar

The largest and the most attractive covered bazaar in the world.

St. Sophia is closed on Mondays replaced by Basilica Cistern. Grand Bazaar is closed on Sundays



SIGHTSEEING TOURS

THE OLD CITY - AFTERNOON

Topkapı Palace

Imperial residence of the Ottoman Sultans from the 15th to the 19th century. Imperial treasury, Chinese porcelains, holy relics and sultan's costumes are exhibited in different sections of the palace.

Spice Market

An oriental shopping area where spices, herbs, vegetables, fruits are sold.

Rüstem Paşa Mosque

A 16th century Ottoman Mosque, which is known to have the best examples of handmade Iznik tiles, not only inside but outside the mosque as well.

Topkapı Palace is closed on Tuesdays. The Spice Market is closed on Sundays.

THE OLD CITY - FULL DAY

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Lunch

Citadel Restaurant

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Spice Market

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THE ASIAN SIDE - MORNING

Bosphorus Bridge

Crossing over the intercontinental suspension bridge you will take a step into Asia.

Çamlıca Hill

The highest point in Istanbul which offers the possibility of taking the best pictures of the panoramic view.

Beylerbeyi Palace

One of the largest, lavishly furnished 19th century summer residences of the Ottoman sultans.

Baghdad Street

The most popular street on the Asian side of Istanbul with elegant boutiques and shopping alternatives. Beylerbeyi Palace is closed on Mondays and Thursdays replaced by Hidiv Pavilion.

Suggestions for Daily Tours: blacksea2009@figur.net

Daily tours will be available on site.



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Registration Form

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2- By credit card

Card type

Visa

Master

Card Holder's Name & Surname

Credit Card No

Expire Date

Safety Code

(CVC code - 3 last digits near the signature)

I hereby authorize "Figur Congress" to debit my credit card account with the total value of the items booked by me on the first page of this form. I also consent "Figur Congress" to debit or credit my card by informing me with the amount for any subsequent change in the items booked. I fully accept the above stated booking/cancellation/alteration conditions.

Date:/...../..... Name & Surname: Signature:.....

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