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PREFACE



Dear Colleagues,

The organization of the 34th IGC in Istanbul was unanimously accepted at the General Assembly of the International Geography Union, which was held during the 32nd International Geography Congress held in Cologne between 26-30 August 2012.

The 150-year-old IGC will be held in Istanbul, a world city for the first time in its history. This excites the local organizing committee and our local geography community. LOC, which has started to work since 2012, has done all the work for the congress to take place in the best way. Along with the ongoing preparations in this process, we received more than 2500 applications.

However, the Covid-19 pandemic, which affected the whole world, caused our congress to be postponed for 1 year, as in all events. With the announcement we made in 2020, we shared this postponement with you. When this unexpected situation continued and the pandemic did not stop, we regretfully decided to hold the congress online together with IGU EC.

The excitement of hosting you in Istanbul turned into a bittersweet happiness for us because of the online congress. Although it is a different experience to have the first online IGC in the new world conditions, we tried our best to set an example for future congresses.

We would like to thank all our colleagues, commission chairs, IGU EC who stood by us during this difficult process, and our presidents Ronald F. Abler, Vladimir Kolosov, Yukio Himiyama and Micheal E. Meadows, who have always supported us.

Our deepest condolences to RB Sigh, who passed away untimely a short time ago.

Hoping to meet in Istanbul at another congress to be held face to face...

Prof. Dr. Barbaros GÖNENÇİL

Head of the Local Organizing Committee



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Dear Colleagues,

At the Regional Geography Congress held in Tel Aviv in 2010 on behalf of the Turkish Geographical Society (TGS), I had submitted a petition to former IGU President Prof. Dr. Ron ABLER that we were nominated for the International Geographical Congress to be held in the coming years of the International Geographical Union (IGU). About 10-11 years have passed on this date. Two major international geography congresses were held in Cologne and Beijing, and we even attended regional geography conferences held in Santiago, Krakow, Moscow and Kyoto.

At the IGU-General Assembly in Cologne in 2012, the “34th International Geography Congress”, which we entered as the only candidate, to be held in Turkey in 2020 was unanimously approved by the votes of 47 countries.

In 2016, we took the IGU flag from China and brought it to Turkey as a representative at the closing ceremony of the “33rd International Geography Congress” in Beijing. Meanwhile, the Vice President of the Turkish Geographical Society Prof. Dr. Barbaros GÖNENÇGİL was elected as the Vice President of IGU with high votes. This is for us, as the value given to Turkey, together with the “17th International Geography Olympiads”, it was the third great honour and happiness.

Both “17th International Geography Olympics”, as well as the “34th International Geography Congress”, were postponed to 2021 by the decision of the TGS and IGU Boards members due to the rapidly spreading Covid-19 flu epidemic in the world and the loss of millions of people and it was decided to be held virtual. This congress, which will be held in the city of Istanbul, which was set out with the motto of “Geography: Bridging the Continents” and spread over two continents between Asia and Europe, will go down in IGU history when it is held on virtual, and thus will be a first.

We are thankful to all the Turkish delegation who contributed to the organization of the congress, to the Istanbul University Rectorate, IGU Board members, members of Commissions, country representatives, session chairs and presenters, to the former IGU Presidents Prof’s ABLER, KOLOSSOV, HIMIYAMA and IGU President Prof. Dr. Mike MEADOWS who have always been supportive to us.

I wish the Covid-19 flu pandemic to be completely eliminated from the world and a successful Geography Congress to pass in health, happiness and peace.

Assoc. Prof. T. Ahmet ERTEK

President of Turkish Geographical Society



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Dear Colleagues,

After a postponement by one year, the 34th International Geographical Congress is finally taking place and nine years of preparation and planning can now bear fruit!

Of course, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic the Congress is taking place in online mode only – although the local organizing committee has gone to considerable lengths to try to ensure that the experience will be as ‘real’ as anything ‘virtual’ can possibly be.

The postponement of the original Congress to 2021 at least allows us to reflect on the history of the discipline – as it is 150 years exactly since the very first International Geographical Congress took place, in Antwerp, Belgium from 14th to 22nd August 1871.

It was at this congress that a proposal was made to establish Greenwich as the prime meridian, although this was only finally accepted 13 years later. Admittedly, these days our discussions may not lead to anything quite so fundamental, but we can be sure that the papers presented here are indicative of the diverse but crucially relevant nature of Geography today and that the lively discussions and networking will offer great opportunities to further develop and orientate our work towards meeting the enormous local, regional and global challenges we currently face – not least the coronavirus crisis itself.

I fervently hope that the virtual connections we make here will blossom and culminate in our meeting face-to-face to celebrate the centennial of the International Geographical Union in Paris this time next year. For now, I wish to thank the participants for their contributions and to congratulate the local organizing team on their tremendous efforts in bringing us together virtually. I am sure that the event will be heralded as a great success despite the ongoing constraints.

Prof. Mike MEADOWS
IGU President



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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



16th August 2021, 13:45 - 14:45 GMT

Keynote Lecture 1

Building Climate Resilient Communities

PROF. GORDON MCBEAN



17th August 2021, 13:45 - 14:45 GMT

Keynote Lecture 2

Bridging Geography and Geology in the Anthropocene

PROF. EDUARDO DE MULDER



18th August 2021, 10:00 - 11:00 GMT

Keynote Lecture 3

Entre local et global : l'habitat en Europe médiane Between local and global: housing in Central and Eastern Europe

LYDIA COUDROY DE LILLE



18th August 2021, 13:45 - 14:45 GMT

Keynote Lecture 4

Geographical Approaches to Evaluating Global Environmental Programs in the Age of Sustainability

DR. JUHA I. UITTO



19th August 2021, 10:00 - 11:00 GMT

Keynote Lecture 5

Bridging Cultures: How Did the Foreign Authors of Some Chinese Geography Books See China?

PROF. SHANGYI ZHOU



19th August 2021, 13:45 - 14:45 GMT

Keynote Lecture 6

TSUNAMIS: How to Develop a Tsunami Resilient Society

DR. HARSH GUPTA



20th August 2021, 10:00 - 11:00 GMT

Keynote Lecture 7

Geographies of the Anthropocene: Sustainable Development and the role of International Geographical Union

PROF. MIKE MEADOWS



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3553 OTTOMAN HERITAGE IN EUROPE AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A CULTURAL ROUTE DEVELOPMENT: AN INTERNATIONAL STUDY OF STUDENTS PERCEPTIONS

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Cultural routes as a contemporary approach in the presentation and preservation of cultural heritage while envisioning the sustainable tourism development principles has recently obtained considerable popularity. The establishment of cultural routes is widely seen as a successful tool for bridging distant places and people in recognizing their joint interests in preserving and utilizing cultural heritage while enhancing tourism offer. Ottoman heritage in Europe is considered somewhat a contested heritage, as it still represents a materialized manifestation of the complex social, ideological, and political contexts of national identities and contemporary societies. Thus, it is significant to explore perceptions of tangible and intangible heritage in different countries networked within the cultural route and their common goal in raising locals' awareness, outlining the importance and capitalizing on their shared heritage through tourism. This work presents partial results of wider research aimed at the identification of overall perceptions regarding Ottoman heritage in different European countries and examination of general attitudes towards the development of the Sultans Trail cultural route stretching from Vienna to Istanbul. In the pilot stage of the research, we were addressing youth, in particular university students, examining their knowledge, attitudes and opinions concerning Ottoman heritage in their country and Europe. The online survey was directed to students at different Universities in participating countries - Serbia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Austria and Turkey. Non-probability sampling was applied using a combination of purposive, quota and snowball techniques. Questions related to Ottoman heritage in Europe and a cultural route development perspective, meanings, preservation levels, attractiveness, problems and potentials were included. Preliminary results indicate differences in perception of Ottoman heritage among different countries, outlining the potential difficulties in the cultural route development process and strong resistance among some student groups in recognizing Ottoman heritage as a common heritage within national space.

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