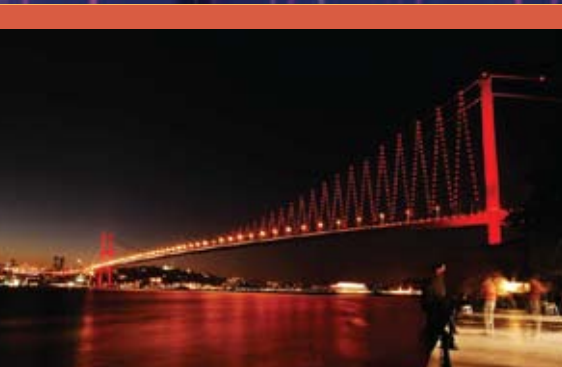


Bid to Host the 2016 ICS Annual Meeting *Istanbul, Turkey*



Invitation to Istanbul

Bülent Çetinel, on behalf of the Turkish Local Organizing Committee in conjunction with the Turkish Continence Society and the Turkish Urology & Pelvic Reconstructive Surgery is honored to submit a bid to host the 2016 ICS Annual Meeting in Istanbul, Turkey.

Istanbul is a natural gateway spread over 2 continents. Europe and Asia divided by Straights of Bosphorus. It is a metropolis proud of its rich history of 8000 years.

Istanbul is a city of Congresses and Conventions. So far, the city has hosted important international events. There are 3 big convention centers in Istanbul. 2 of these facilities are right in the city center where also the majority of Hotels are located.

The Istanbul Convention and Visitors' Bureau will also be providing its utmost support to ICS 2016.

A rich scientific program including state of the art lectures are ensured by the Istanbul Bid Committee. Besides the scientific richness; Istanbul will offer the delegates unforgettable moments in this fascinating city.

Some of the Major Conventions in Istanbul

Water Forum (2009)
Number of Participants: over 20000
Venue: Haliç Convention Center

IMF (International Monetary Fund & World Bank (2009)
Number of Participants: 15000
Venue: ICEC

European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (2011)
Number of Participants: 8000
Venue: ICC (Istanbul Congress Center)

28th Annual Meeting of the European Society of Human Production and Embriology (2012)
Expected Number of Participants: 7000
Venue: ICEC

14th European Congress on Orthopaedics - EFORT (2013)
Expected Number of Participants: 7000
Venue: ICC & ICEC

IFCC World Lab (2014)
Expected Number of Participants: 6000
Venue: ICC (Istanbul Congress Center)

Proposed Dates

Regarding the criterias of ICS, the proposed dates for holding this congress in Istanbul are in September. A reservation has already been made at the Istanbul Congress Center (ICC) for 25 - 30 September 2016. Istanbul has its most beautiful weather in September. The average temperature is 22°C (68 F). The weather is usually sunny.

Proposed Venue

Istanbul offers three independent, integrable meeting clusters in the Airport area, the Congress Valley and the Golden Horn featuring state of the art facilities. Its hundreds of hotels in every category cater to every taste and budget and include top international brands, as well as distinguished local chains and independent properties. Combined with Istanbul's 60,000 guestrooms, the city's three meeting clusters, each capable of hosting events with 20,000 or more delegates, make the city ideal for congresses with 500 to 30,000 or more participants.

All the Hotels are within walking distance to the congress valley



Congress Center is in the heart of the city

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The district combines leading international and Turkish three, four and five star hotels within walking distance of the city's top venues like the Istanbul Congress Center (ICC), Istanbul Convention & Exhibition Center (ICEC), the Istanbul Hilton Convention & Exhibition Center, Military Museum Cultural Center and the Cemal Resit Rey Concert Hall, as well as exclusive shopping areas and vibrant Taksim. There are a total of 10 five star hotels within walking distance of the Conference Valley as well as dozens of three and four star hotels for a combined total of over 10.000 rooms.

Congress Chairman - Bülent Çetinel

Bülent Çetinel, MD is Professor of Urology at Istanbul University Cerrahpaşa School of Medicine and past president of Turkish Continence Society which is recently affiliated to ICS. He has been a member of ICS since 2007 and attended ICS annual meetings in Heidelberg (2002), Florence (2003), Paris (2004), Rotterdam (2007), Cairo (2008), Toronto (2010), Glasgow (2011) and Beijing (2012). Dr. Çetinel's main clinical and research interest is focused on functional and female Urology. He has served several years at the Turkish Continence Society and Turkish Urological Society in their executive board and organized numerous meetings and courses on functional and female urology in the last 10 years in Turkey.



Scientific Chairman - Ismail Mete İtil

Ismail Mete İtil, MD is Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Ege University School of Medicine and president of Turkish Obstetrics and Gynecology Society. He has attended 3 ICS annual meetings in the past 10 years.

Local Organising Committee:

Ali Ergen, *Professor of Urology, ICS Member*

Ceyhun Özyurt, *Professor of Urology, ICS Member*

Bedreddin Seçkin, *Professor of Urology,
President of the Turkish Continence Society, ICS Member*

Tufan Tarcan, *Professor of Urology, ICS Member*

Niyazi Askar, *Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, ICS Member*

Fuat Demirci, *Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology,
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Ömer Tarık Yalçın, *Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, ICS Member*

Fulya Dökmeci, *Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, ICS Member*

Akın Sivaslıoğlu, *Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, ICS Member*

Selcen Kanyılmaz, *Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Specialist, ICS Member*

Support:

**Istanbul Bid to Host the ICS 2016
Annual Meeting is supported by:**

Turkish Continence Society

Turkish Urological Surgery Society

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Turkish Paediatric Urology Society

Ankara Urological Society

Aegean Urological Society

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ICS Members and Our Commitment to ICS in Turkey

In 2009, Turkish Continence Society has become an affiliated society to ICS making all his 60, associates ICS members. An ICS annual meeting in Turkey will increase the recognition of ICS and help us in our mission to popularize functional and female urology throughout the country.

Proposed Theme of the Meeting

“Speaking the same language” will be the theme of the meeting aiming to create an international scientific environment to discuss, improve and popularize the standardization efforts of ICS regarding the terminology of lower urinary tract dysfunction and urodynamics under the light of recent basic and clinical research

Pre - Post Tour Options:

Cappadocia



Ephesus



Troy & Gallipoli



Hierapolis (Pamukkale)



Social Events

Chair's Dinner on Bosphorus Cruise: There are many options in Istanbul for the Chair's Dinner with approximately 200 participants. One of these venues are presented here which includes the great view of the Bosphorus for an unforgettable night.



Welcome Reception at the Congress Center: The Istanbul Congress Centers offers such a convenient venue for the welcome reception at its terrace overlooking the view of the modern city.



Venue Alternatives for the Annual Dinner



Enjoy a magical evening at the 1001 Column Cistern in the heart of the Old City. Built 17 centuries ago, the cistern offers the most exquisite samples of Turkish Cuisine. The authentic decoration and an oriental show completing the ambience; this will be night to remember.

Istanbul's rich cultural heritage has left a legacy of outstanding historical sites that provide an exciting backdrop for meetings, special events and theme parties. One of these sites is a mansion located on The Bosphorus the strait that separates Europe and Asia. This mansion reflecting the Golden Age of Istanbul is named after its original owner, Esma Sultan, the daughter of Sultan Abdülaziz I.

