
The Federation's Pages



Dear Public Health Professionals and Public Health Students:

On behalf of the World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA) and the Turkish Public Health Association (TPHA), it is our pleasure to invite you to WFPHA's 12th World Congress on Public Health. The Congress is to be held in Istanbul, Turkey from April 27-May 1, 2009. The theme is "Making a Difference in Global Public Health: Education, Research, and Practice".

The World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA) is an international, nongovernmental, multi-professional and civil society organization bringing together all people interested and active in safeguarding and promoting the public's health for professional exchange, collaboration, and action. Our members comprise of over 70 national public health associations and five regional association members representing both public health associations and schools of public health from developing and industrialized countries and regions around the world. Each of our previous eleven triennial congresses has supported the advancement of primary health care and the attainment of improved health for the world's people. Through our congresses, we have promoted closer collaboration between health and development workers.

The Congress will address the enormous challenges and opportunities for public health organizations worldwide and be an opportunity for networking with the various public health professionals and disciplines related, at a national and international level. A variety of forums will feature invited speakers, oral presentations, poster displays, and group discussions. In addition, the Congress will share the latest ideas and experiences in public health education, research and practice in the wonderful environment of Istanbul, Turkey.

For further information, please visit the official web site of the 12th World Congress on Public Health www.worldpublichealth2009.org.

Sincerely,

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Hagia Sophia Mosque



A View from Istanbul Night



Galata Tower

TURKEY has been called "the cradle of civilization" and one can discover what this literally means only by traveling in this land of history. The world's first town, a neolithic city at Çatalhöyük, dates back to 6500 BC.

From the days of Çatalhöyük up to the present time Turkey boasts of rich culture that through the centuries has left a lasting foot-print on modern civilization.

Being the heir of many centuries of culture makes Turkey a paradise of knowledge and cultural heritage. Hattis, Hittites, Phrygians, Urartians, Lycians, Ionians, Persians, Macedonians, Romans, Byzantines, Seljuks and Ottomans have all occupied crucial places in the historical background of Turkey and ancient sites and ruins scattered throughout the country give proof to each civilization's unique distinction.

With a population exceeding 12 million, Istanbul is the largest city in Turkey. It is the only city in the world which is founded on two continents where Europe and Asia meet the Bosphorus.

Being the center of the Old World, Istanbul is an important metropolis, famous with historic monuments and magnificent natural scenery. It has been the capital of two world empires, Byzantium and Ottoman, during its more than 2500 years of history. More than 120 kings and emperors have reigned here for a period longer than 1600 years.

It has a unique silhouette with lots of famous palace, mosque, church and museums.





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Haydarpaşa Train Station



Maiden's Tower

Istanbul is world metropolis where East and West, traditional and modern, dynamism and mystery are intertwined with each other.

With its luxurious restaurants and night clubs, hotels and malls with international standards, subways, two suspension bridges connecting the continents, Istanbul has the amenities required for modern life.

*We hope to see you
in Istanbul*





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