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5-6 September, 2019  
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Welcome

Dear Colleagues,

As the American College of Surgeons Governor to Turkey, it is our great honor and privilege to invite you to the ACS Turkey Chapter Meeting, which will be held on **5-6 September, 2019** in the beautiful Kızılahamam district of **Ankara, Turkey**.

The theme of the 2019 Turkey Chapter meeting will be “**Advances in Minimally Invasive Surgery**.” In planning this meeting, we aim to create an arena for surgeons to exchange professional knowledge, establish friendships and create a mutual respect and understanding within an international setting. With invited speakers from among the most distinguished of the ACS faculty, this meeting will provide the opportunity for national and regional attendees to network with international leaders. Attendees will benefit from the entertaining new concepts and methods presented in the diverse environment established by the meeting.

In conjunction with the scientific program, a number of social events will be organized for all of our guests to take part in.

We look forward to welcoming you all to Ankara for what we believe shall be an outstanding meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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General Information

Congress Dates
September 5-6, 2019

Congress Venue
Patalya Thermal Resort Hotel
Kızılcahamam
Ankara, Turkey

Tel: +90 312 736 0200
Website: http://www.patalyahotel.com.tr/kizilcahamam/

Congress Web Site
The official web site of the congress is www.acsturk2019.com. For updated information and other details related to the congress, please visit the site.

Important Dates and Deadlines

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Abstract Submission

Abstract submission will commence on April 5, 2019 and close on May 15, 2019.

Abstracts are accepted online only and only in the format provided in the abstract form. The abstract form can be downloaded from the abstract submission site.

Submission Guidelines

- Abstracts will be accepted in English only.
- Abstracts should not exceed 500 words in length.
- Tables and graphs/photos may be submitted.
- There will be no limitations on the number of abstracts that may be submitted and no fees associated with submission of an abstract.
- A preference for Poster or Oral Presentation must be indicated at the time of submission. The Scientific Committee reserves the right to accept abstracts as either oral or poster presentations, regardless of the preference indicated by the authors at the time of submission.
- Abstract notifications will be sent out by July 5, 2019. If you have not received a notification letter regarding your submitted abstract by that date, please contact info@acsturk2019.com.
- The Scientific Committee reserves the right to allocate abstracts to sessions as they see fit in accordance with the overall program objectives.
- Presenting authors of accepted abstracts must be registered for the congress and must confirm their attendance after acceptance of their abstract. Abstracts that have not been confirmed by July 20, 2019, will not be included in the scientific program or abstract book.
- Please check the website at regular intervals for updates and further details on oral and poster presentations.
Registration

Registration for the congress can be completed online via the congress website www.acsturk2019.com.

On-Site registration will also be available on September 5, 2019 from 08.00 to 17.00 and on September 6, 2019 from 08.00 to 12.00.

The registration fee for the delegates includes:
- Access to the scientific sessions and the exhibition area
- Congress badge
- Congress bag (containing a copy of the final program and the abstract book)
- Lunch
- Coffee breaks
- Invitation to the Welcome Reception
- Invitation to the Gala Dinner

The registration fee for the accompanying person includes:
- Invitation to the Welcome Reception
- Invitation to the Gala Dinner

### Registration Table
(Early registration ends on August 1, 2019)

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*Documentation must be provided to prove status.
†Registration for Students/Residents only covers scientific sessions and does not include access to social events.
Badges
Only delegates with conference badges shall be allowed to attend the scientific sessions.

Certificate of Attendance
A Certificate of Attendance will be provided at the registration desk at the close of the congress.

Accommodation
The Congress Secretariat is the official housing bureau for the Congress and will offer assistance with the housing requirements of all delegates. Hotel accommodation bookings can be made at the time of registration via the congress website.

Patalya Kızılcahamam - Official Congress Hotel

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Prices are full board and VAT included.

Social Program
In addition to the Gala Dinner, which is included in the registration fees of all registered delegates and accompanying persons, various social and cultural events and sightseeing tours will be made available to the attendees.
Turkey and Ankara

Due to its central location, Turkey was a region from which ancient Asian culture moved into Europe, and at the same time acted as a window through which Western culture opened to the East.

Turkey is surrounded by the Mediterranean, Aegean and Black Seas which connect the country to the rest of the world. Thanks to these long coastal borders and her position as a bridge between Asia & Europe, Turkey has been the centre of major commercial and migration routes.

Turkey houses historical treasures from 13 civilizations, and has been home to the Hittites, Greeks, Persians, Romans, Seljuk and Ottoman Turks. Modern-day Turkey, a secular and democratic republic, is a fusion of cultures, a vast and varied land full of splendid cultural achievements.

Visiting Ankara

The Capital of Civilizations...

Ankara is the capital of Turkey and is the second-largest city after Istanbul. Centrally located in Anatolia, Ankara is an important commercial and industrial city. It is the center of the Turkish Government, and houses all foreign embassies. It is an important crossroads of trade, strategically located at the centre of Turkey’s highway and railway networks, and serves as the marketing centre for the surrounding agricultural area.

This plateau was also a cradle of human civilization and the history of settlement in the area is millennia old. Ankara has been the homeland of many civilizations and the historic battleground between East and West; the Hatti’s, Hittites, Phrygians, Galatians, Romans, Byzantines, Seljuk’s and Ottomans all fought for their sovereignty and established their rule here.

Kızılcahamam

Kızılcahamam is a town and district of Ankara Province in the Central Anatolia region of Turkey, 70 km north of the city of Ankara. Kızılcahamam itself is a quiet market town known for its healing hot springs and mineral waters. Nearby Soğuksu National Park contains a scout camp and trails, and areas for picnic in the forest.

There are also several museums and landmarks in the center of Ankara and transportation will be arranged for guests who wish to visit them.
Landmarks and Museums

Anıtkabir

Anıtkabir is located on an imposing hill, which forms the Anıttepe quarter of the city, where the mausoleum of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, founder of the Republic of Turkey, stands. Completed in 1953, it is an impressive fusion of ancient and modern architectural styles. An adjacent museum houses a wax statue of Atatürk, his writings, letters and personal items, as well as an exhibition of photographs recording important moments in his life and during the establishment of the Republic.

Ankara Ethnography Museum

Ankara Ethnography Museum (Etnoğrafya Müzesi) is located opposite the Ankara Opera House, in the Ulus district. Dedicated to the cultures of Turkish civilizations, it houses a fine collection of folkloric items, as well as artifacts from the Seljuk and Ottoman periods.

Ankara Castle

The city is crowned by the ruins of the old castle. The exact date of its construction is unknown. Historians believe the Galatians laid the foundations of Ankara Castle in its current position on a hill overlooking the city. The citadel was completed by the Romans, then added to and expanded by the Byzantines and Seljuks. Ankara Castle can be found at the heart of the oldest part of the city. Today’s visitors to the citadel can explore a range of attractions, including the Museum of Anatolian Civilizations, situated at the entrance of Ankara Castle, and the ruins of a Roman theatre. Many restored traditional Turkish houses inside the citadel area have found new life as restaurants, serving local cuisine and the area around Ankara Castle is also an excellent place to go shopping. Here, travelers will find an array of stalls selling traditional Turkish handicrafts, spices, dried fruit, sweets and delicious local food.
Museum of Anatolian Civilizations

Considered one of the best museums of Turkey, the Museum of Anatolian Civilizations (Anadolu Medeniyetleri Müzesi) is situated at the entrance of the Ankara Castle. It is an old bedesten (covered bazaar) that has been beautifully restored and now houses a unique collection of Paleolithic, Neolithic, Hatti, Hittite, Phrygian, Urartian, and Roman works as well as a major section dedicated to Lydian treasures.

Çengelhan Rahmi Koç Museum

Çengelhan Rahmi Koç Museum is housed in an old Ottoman Caravanserai and displays technological progress from the 1850s onwards. The museum contains various curios and collectibles including model trains to model sewing machines.

Erimtan Archaeology and Arts Museum

The Erimtan Archaeology and Art Museum is a cultural institution devoted to the display of historical objects from across the geographic and chronological landscapes of Anatolia. Although the collection covers a period of time extending from three thousand BC to the Byzantine times, the artifacts mainly belong to the Roman period. A multi-purpose exhibition hall offers space for temporary exhibitions and scientific, cultural and artistic activities and musical concerts.

Cer Modern

The recently-opened modern art museum of the city, Cer Modern is located in the historic power plant building of the Turkish Railways.
Getting Around
Ankara is served by a suburban rail and two subway lines with about 300,000 total daily commuters. Three additional subway lines are also currently under construction. Detailed information on bus and subway routes can be found at http://www.ego.gov.tr where it is also possible to download an application to your smart phones. Taxis are also readily available and are relatively inexpensive.

Travelling to Ankara
Ankara Esenboğa International Airport (ESB) is located some 28 km northeast of the city. The brand-new airport, opened in 2007, features many more gates, a more orderly parking system, and in general, better traffic flow. The road connecting Ankara’s airport to the ring road has also been fully renovated.

International flights are rather low in frequency and scope. Apart from the national carrier of Turkey, Turkish Airlines (THY), only a few airlines from Europe and the Middle East offer direct flights to Ankara. For most carriers flying into Turkey, a flight into Istanbul is necessary, followed by an air transfer to Ankara by THY. For detailed information and online booking please visit their web-site at www.turkishairlines.com.

Airport Transfer Services
Airport transfer will be available for participants who make the request on their registration and accommodation form.
Visa Requirements
Nationals of countries requiring a visa for entry to Turkey are advised to make their application in their country of residence at least four weeks prior to their intended date of travel. Participants are requested to check with the Turkish consulate in their home country or their travel agency for visa requirements.

As of 17th April 2013, the electronic visa (e-Visa) replaces the “sticker visa” which was issued at the border crossings. Applicants just need to log on to www.evisa.gov.tr, provide the requested information, (after the application is approved) make online payment and download their e-Visa.

- Each traveler must obtain a separate e-Visa, including infants and children (even if children/infants are included in their parents’ passports).
- You are kindly advised to have a travel document/passport valid for at least 6 months as from the date of your arrival in Turkey.
- Please note that e-Visa is only valid when the purpose of travel is tourism or commerce. Other purposes, such as work and study, require a regular visa given by Embassies or Consulates.

For any questions concerning passports and visas, please visit the Ministry of Foreign Affairs: http://www.mfa.gov.tr/default.en.mfa or alternatively, visit the nearest Turkish Embassy or Consulate.

Letters of Invitation
The Congress Secretariat will send Letters of Invitation to those delegates for the purpose of visa applications and other official procedures. The purpose of the invitation letters is to facilitate participation in the congress for the delegates and does not imply any commitment on the part of organizers to provide any financial support. Invitation Letters will be provided only for those who have registered and paid the full registration fee.
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