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# 12. WORLD PUBLIC HEALTH CONGRESS

## (2009, İstanbul-TURKEY)

### GENERAL INFORMATION



#### WELCOME

*Dear Colleagues,*

*It is my great pleasure to announce the 12th World Public Health Congress to take place in Istanbul in 2009. It will be an opportunity for getting together all over the world, with the various professionals and disciplines related to Public Health, at a national and international level, and share the latest public health research and practice.*

*The Congress will bring together health professionals, researchers, national and international Public Health leaders and all those interested in public health.*

*Congress scientific sessions and other details are being planned and will be announced at a later date at web site [www.worldpublichealth2009.org](http://www.worldpublichealth2009.org)*

*We believe 2009 WFPHA World Congress will be a successful platform for both members of WFPHA and Turkey. On behalf of Turkish Public Health Association, we would like to remind that, you will not only participate to another WFPHA Congress but also you will see experience and feel the history, beauty and life of Istanbul.*

*Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN*

*President of Turkish Public Health Association*

## WHY TURKEY and ISTANBUL?

- A perfect geographical location that was a cradle to many civilizations.
- It is where west meets east, Europe meets Asia.
- Easy location to commute.
- Has everything a metropolitan city should offer. (Restaurants, entertainment plus natural beauty, authenticity, mysticism) and more.
- Over its 3000 years of history, Istanbul has held a powerful attraction for travellers, traders, scholars and statesmen alike.

## CONGRESS VENUE - THE CONGRESS VALLEY

ICEC - Istanbul Conference and Exhibition Centre (<http://www.icec.org>) - will be a tailor-made solution to large-scale meetings in Istanbul. By chance, other main convention centers are in walking distance and in the same 'valley' to ICEC; Hilton Convention & Exhibition Centre, Military Museum Cultural Centre, Cemal Resit Rey Concert Hall, Harbiye Cemil Topuzlu Open Air Theatre.

## TRANSPORTATION

Turkish Airlines, Turkey's flag-carrier, flies to nearly 80 destinations worldwide and offers direct connections to leading cities not just in Europe but also in North America and the Far East.

50 international airlines are flying to and from Istanbul.

International award-winning facility.

Distance from the airport to the city centre is 20 km.

Shuttle buses, metro and taxis to the city centre.

Capable of serving up to 15 million passengers annually.

State-of-the-art automated baggage handling and security measures.

Please contact your travel agent for detailed information or visit the airport website at: [www.ataturkairport.com](http://www.ataturkairport.com)

## BUSINESS HOURS

Most offices and stores are open from 09.00 am to 18.30 pm, Monday through Friday. Stores are also open on Saturday from 09.00 am to 22.00 pm while most of the large shopping centers open Monday to Saturday from 10.00 am to 10.00 pm. Banks are open from Monday through Friday from 09.00 am to 17.00 pm. Some shops inside the malls open also on Sundays, after 13.00 pm

## WEATHER

Istanbul, located in the region of transition between the Mediterranean and Black Sea climates, has hot and dry summers with pleasantly warm springs and falls. Also you may follow the weather in Istanbul at web page: ([www.cnn.com/WEATHER](http://www.cnn.com/WEATHER))

## LANGUAGE

The official language is Turkish. Most of young generation spoken English, French, German, Spanish particularly in the main cities and also in Istanbul.



## COMMUNICATION

The International Direct Dial (IDD) code for Turkey is 90, İstanbul is 212 and 216

## EATING & DRINKING

The Turkish cuisine, which is one of the richest in the world, appeals to the eye as well as the palate. Turkish food that is found today in Istanbul is truly a living synthesis of Eastern and Western cultures. In addition to the many restaurants that serve traditional and international menus to satisfy the varied tastes of their guests, many nightclubs, cafes and bars offer fine menus along with a wide range of entertainment choices.

## TIME

İstanbul is +3 hours of UTC/GMT

(The World Clock - Time Zones, <http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock>)

## CURRENCY & CREDIT CARDS

Turkish currency is the New Turkish Lira, YTL. Please visit on the Personal Currency Assistant (<http://www.xe.com/pca>) which enables you to make currency conversions on actual rates. YTL is freely sold and bought in hotels, banks and special exchange offices called "Döviz Bürosu". Car rental offices, above average restaurants, shops, travel agencies, gas stations will accept your credit cards. You can get cash with your credit card or cash card by using cash machines (ATM's) in bank buildings or street booths.

## PASSPORT & VISA

Passport and visa requirements may differ according to the country of origin. Please contact your travel agent or the Turkish Consulate or Embassy in your country for further advice. Visit the webpage below to see the contact information of Turkish Embassies and Consulates abroad.

Visa Information: (<http://www.mfa.gov.tr/MFA/ConsularInformation/ForForeigners>)

Turkish Consulate or Embassy: (<http://www.mfa.gov.tr/MFA/Ministry/TurkishRepresentations>)





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Ministry of Culture and Tourism	: <a href="http://www.kultur.gov.tr">www.kultur.gov.tr</a>
Turkish Public Health Association	: <a href="http://www.t-hasak.org">www.t-hasak.org</a>
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European Public Health Association	: <a href="http://www.eupha.org">www.eupha.org</a>
World Health Organization (WHO)	: <a href="http://www.who.int">www.who.int</a>
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