

MCDM in Turkey a Second Time

The preparations for the 25th International Conference on Multiple Criteria Decision Making (**MCDM 2019**) are going on. This time it will take place at Istanbul Technical University, Istanbul, Turkey from June 16th to June 21st, 2019.

It will be the second conference that will be held in Turkey; the first one was the 15th International Conference which was held



in Ankara, Turkey in 2000. The organizing committee is very pleased to host you again in Turkey.

www.MCDM2019.org is the official web site of the conference and the web site is up. Organizers invite you to bookmark this page, and check it regularly for news, updates, and recent developments. You may also follow

the meeting on Twitter (twitter.com/mcdm2019) and on Instagram (www.instagram.com/mcdm2019)

The main theme of the conference will be “**MCDM Beyond the Information Age**”. There will be several topics and application areas announced on the web site. It is expected that the theme, the topics and the application areas will be of broad interest to academicians and students as well as professionals.



The conference will last for five days including a half-day outing (on Wednesday afternoon and evening) and a banquet dinner (on Thursday night). There may also be a get-together event before the actual conference (Sunday evening). The following sessions will be part of the program:

- Invited Plenary Talks (4 sessions)
- The Award Talks of the MCDM Society award winners
- The Wiley Practice Prize session of the award finalists
- The MCDM Doctoral Dissertation Award session of the award finalists
- Invited sessions on special topics/interests and Contributed Sessions (16 parallel sessions)
- Opening and Closing Ceremony

There will be plenary speeches from four distinguished speakers:

Pinar Keskinocak (Georgia Tech, College of Engineering)

Kathrin Klamroth (University of Wuppertal, School of Mathematics and Natural Sciences)

Tuomas Sandholm (Carnegie Mellon University, Computer Science Department)

Luis Vargus (University of Pittsburgh, KATZ Business School)

The “Outing on Wednesday” will be at Sakıp Sabancı Museum. Sabancı University's Sakıp Sabancı Museum is located in Emirgan, at one of Istanbul's oldest settlements on the Bosphorus.

The AHP/ANP community will be well represented at the conference with one plenary by Vargas on AHP/ANP, a tutorial on the subject as well as proposed invited sessions for AHP/ANP and applications. We urge you to submit your own or participate either in invited or contributed papers. There is a big AHP/ANP community in Turkey. AHP/ANP researchers as well as practitioners will have a great opportunity to discuss a variety of topics whether on theory or on applications including extensions of AHP/ANP.

The abstract submission system is now open and can be found via the web site. The deadline for submissions is January 30, 2019. We are also inviting special session organizers at this time. To organize a session or a stream of sessions, send your proposal to mcdm2019@itu.edu.tr by January 9, 2019.

You are all most welcome to **MCDM2019**, the 25th organization of MCDM conferences. *İstanbul'da görüşmek üzere! (See you in Istanbul!)*

Sincerely,
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