



45th

APIMONDIA

International Apicultural Congress

İstanbul - TURKEY

September 29-October 4, 2017



*Let's **bee** where the continents meet...*



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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Turkish Beekeeping Association (T A B), it is our sincere pleasure to invite you to the 45th Apimondia International Apicultural Congress to be held in Istanbul, Turkey between 29 September - 4 October 2017



Istanbul; the world's one of the most ancient metropolis with its rich history and wonderful nature. With its 8,500 years of history, Istanbul is the former capital of Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman Empires. Separated to two continents, Asian and European, the city is an ideal example of the natural beauty.

Located in the heart of the city, equipped with high-tech equipment and conference facilities, Istanbul Congress Center (ICC) offers a unique location set against the breathtaking beauty of Bosphorus. Its location offers a large choice of hotels ranging from five-star to more modest accommodations for students. Restaurants, cafes and pastries, commercial banks, and shopping areas are within an easy walking distance or short taxi ride.

The organizing committee of this project is a very big team who has a dedicated preparation work since 2009. We are planning to use the latest interactive technologies in the sessions which gives more opportunity to share your experience and increase your knowledge and competencies.

Besides the scientific and educational activities that you will be able to enjoy during your attendance at Apimondia 2017, the Local Organising Committee will do its best to make you feel welcome in the city of Istanbul under the theme of " Lets **bee** where the continents meet"...

With warm hospitality and more than enough facilities, we believe that 2017 Apimondia International Apicultural Congress will be a great success and unforgettable experience in Istanbul.

We look forward to welcome you in Istanbul,

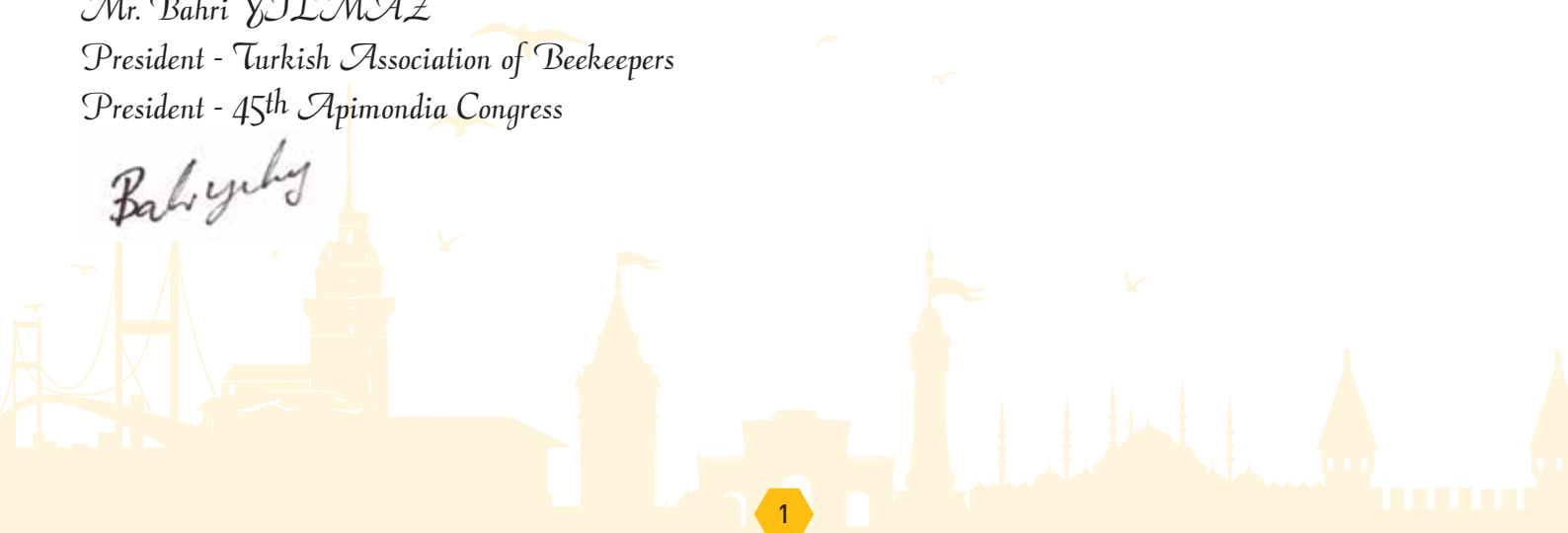
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APICULTURE IN TURKEY



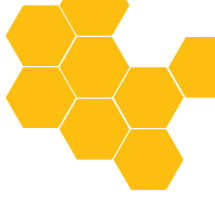
In Anatolia apiculture is based on a nine thousand years old history. The first law of the world on apiculture is known as the Hittite Tablets, which were written four thousand years ago. Anatolia still conserves its appropriate position for apiculture. Due to Turkey's climate, rich botanical diversity and status as a transitional region between the European and Asian continents, it has one of the highest potentials in the world for apiculture.

With 150.000 families engaged in beekeeping and 6.8 million bee colonies, Turkey is at the second place in apiculture in the world. The sole organization representing bees and beekeepers in Turkey is the Turkish Association of Beekeepers (TAB). TAB includes 80 provincial unions, one serving each province and in total TAB has 58,000 members in Turkey. All beekeepers in Turkey are registered with the ARS (Apiculture Recording System), a joint program between TAB and the Turkish Ministry of Agriculture, and can be observed via a monitoring system. Beekeepers in Turkey work with modern techniques and equipment. 75% of our total colonies, which is 4.9 million colonies, are used in itinerant beekeeping activity, and change location an average of three times per year for a total of 2.000 km of bee transport. In this way, they travel all Turkey throughout the season, following various routes.

Official Status

- 80 city associations
- 58,000 members
- 6.8 million colonies
- 104.5 thousand tons of honey production
- 118 colonies for each member
- 16 kg production per colony

Turkey is a home to 10.000 native plant species, nearly 3.900 of which are endemic. The most important feature which makes Turkey botanically interesting is that Turkey contains three different phytogeographic zones (European-Siberian, Mediterranean, and Iranian-Turanian), and serves as a bridge between Europe and Asia. Nearly 500 plants in our country are known to provide nectar or pollen, and nearly 50 of them are identified as dominant nectar plants. Chestnut honey, thyme honey, mountain meadow honey, citrus honey, rhododendron honey and mixed flower honey are some of the most famous honey types in Turkey. In addition, with the pine honey obtained from the dense pine forests covering Muğla province and its environs, Turkey holds the single largest share of the world's pine honey production. At the same time, with the greatest genetic diversity in honeybees, Turkey is the world's largest gene center. This wealth consists of the various ecotypes of *Apis mellifera* such as those associated with Anatolia, the Caucasus, the Black Sea, Muğla and Thrace. The Caucasian strain in particular, which has drawn a worldwide attention with its productivity and docility, has been taken under protection as a pure strain in specific regions of our country and introduction or removal of bees to and from these regions is strictly prohibited.



WHY ISTANBUL ?

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You can Discover

With 8,500 years of a glamorous history, Istanbul has always been an important metropolis of its days. Former capital of many empires including Roman, Byzantine and the Ottoman Empire the city holds within some of the precious ancient monuments as well as a unique beauty with the Bosphorus running across the city separating Europe and Asia.



You can Explore

8500 years of history, capital of 3 great empires, population of 14.2 million, top 10 tourism and congress destination, world's 'Number 1' congress destination since 2011 with more than 500 delegates, 2010 European Capital of Culture, 2012 European Capital of Sport, connecting 2 continents-Europe and Asia, 70 public and private museums, almost 200 shopping malls, 5 imperial palaces, dozens of summer palaces and mansions, 4 historic bazaars, 49 universities, 4 seasons throughout the year



You can Fly

Istanbul is considered to be one of the main air traffic hubs connecting more than 300 international airlines from Europe to Middle-East, Asia and Africa. Thanks to the Turkish Airlines massive network (flying to more countries in the world than any other airline) Istanbul became a more popular and widely visited destination with 2 international airports in each continents.



You can Travel

Istanbul offers a huge network of public easily be accessed with a single transportation card – Istanbulkart. With city busses, 'Dolmuş' yellow minibus routes, ferries, sea-busses, railways such as subway and tram systems, Istanbul offers plenty options to get around the city.



You can Stay

The hub city for many cultures over the centuries Istanbul offers a variety of accommodation choices. With almost 100.000 guestrooms, over 170 five-star hotels including both international and Turkish chains, a variety of deluxe hotels situated in the Bosphorus shore and ancient peninsula, including suitable lofts near the central areas. The variety of hotels and the breath-taking sites of Istanbul will turn your stay into a unique experience to never be forgotten. Europe and Asia.



WHY ISTANBUL ?

You can Experience

A wide range of historic places from Ottoman Palace's to cisterns, from modern facilities to mansions on Bosphorus shores, Istanbul awaits you with unique venues to meet a fusion of diverse cultures and a wonderful cuisine of the East and the West. Whether a gala dinner or a social event, for any programme you may conduct, Istanbul is ready for you with a promise of an unforgettable experience.



You can Visit

One of the most prestigious capitals of the ancient and modern world, Istanbul owns both religious and cultural phenomena of centuries as it is the only city that has marked the ending of an era in history with its conquest. Some of the wonderful sites of Istanbul are Hagia Sophia, Sultanahmet Mosque, Maiden's Tower, Dolmabahçe Palace, Basilica Cistern, Grand Bazaar, Galata Tower, Princes' Islands and many more.



You can Taste

The Turkish cuisine's richness of variety offers a wide choice for those who want to experience and enjoy new flavours. From exquisite pastry choices to delicious meat, fish and vegetable specialities; Turkey's gastronomic panorama reflects a remarkable culinary synthesis coming from its cultural heritage. Istanbul provides a wide range of food choices originated from all around the world.



You can Enjoy

There is a common saying in Istanbul that states "this city never sleeps". The hub of many different cultures living in harmony, Istanbul is the ultimate dining, shopping, music and entertainment capital of Turkey. Throughout the year in Istanbul, many events, concerts, art exhibitions and social gatherings all occur at once. Also Istanbul offers a variety of shopping opportunities of both authentic antiquities of Ottoman style to the modern multinational brands.



You can Meet

Istanbul Congress Center is situated in the heart of Istanbul's business and cultural district, on a hill looking down onto the Bosphorus strait towards the Asian half of the city. The location of the Congress Center combines leading international and Turkish three, four and five-star hotels within walking distance as well as exclusive shopping areas and vibrant Taksim.





OVERVIEW

Date 29 September - 4 October 2017
 City Istanbul
 Venue Istanbul Congress Center (ICC)
 Theme *Let's **bee** where the continents meet...*
 Host Association Turkish Association of Beekeepers (TAB)

28 Sept 2017 Thursday	29 Sept 2017 Friday	30 Sept 2017 Saturday	01 Oct 2017 Sunday	02 Oct 2017 Monday	03 Oct 2017 Tuesday	04 Oct 2017 Wednesday	
	Exhibition Opening	Exhibition					
	Opening Ceremony				Closing Ceremony		
		Scientific Program					
Registration							
		General Assembly			General Assembly		
Pre Tours	Optional Daily Tours					Technical Tours	

Program is subject to change.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

REGISTRATION CATEGORIES & FEES

Description	Paid by 30 June 2017	Paid after 30 June 2017
Full Congress Entry Fee (member countries)	250.-Euro	300.-Euro
Full Congress Entry Fee (non-member countries)	300.-Euro	350.-Euro
Full Congress Entry Fee (developing countries)	150.-Euro	200.-Euro
Full Congress Entry Fee (groups more than 10)	225.-Euro	250.-Euro
Full Congress Entry Fee (student)	150.-Euro	150.-Euro
Full Congress Entry Fee (journalist)	Free	Free
Daily Entry Fee (congress + exhibition)	100.-Euro	100.-Euro
ApiExpo Daily Entry Fee	50.-Euro	50.-Euro
Accompanying Person Fee	150.-Euro	150.-Euro
Technical Excursion (per person)	75.-Euro	100.-Euro

- All registration fees are exclusive of % 18 VAT

APIEXPO

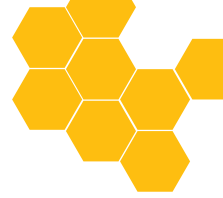
B4 and B5 floors of the Istanbul Congress Center will be used as the exhibition center of Apimondia 2017 with a total area of 16.000 sqm in the same building. Space allocation will be made on a "first come, first served" basis. Space allocations will be made in the order in which application forms with payment are received. It is planned to organize the biggest and the most crowded exhibition in the history of Apimondia and beekeeping.

Exhibition Layout is available on the congress web page, www.apimondia2017.org.

Description & Zone		Paid by Dec 31,2016
Space Only (minimum 18m ²)	Premium Zone A	350.-Euro/m²
	Premium Zone B	N/A
	Basic Zone C	N/A
Standart Booth (3mx3m)	Premium Zone A	N/A
	Premium Zone B	3.500.-Euro
	Basic Zone C	2.500.-Euro

- All ApiExpo fees are exclusive of % 18 VAT

Several options are available for international companies to be a sponsor at the congress, giving you maximum exposure to a highly targeted audience of delegates. For the sponsorship alternatives, please contact the congress secretariat TeamCon.



ISTANBUL CONGRESS CENTER



Istanbul Congress Center was built by Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality in September 2009. It is a seven floor facility which 119,500 sqm. Located on the 6th and the 7th floors, there is a parking lot with a capacity of 850 vehicles.

Location of the Congress Valley is allowing the participants easy access to municipal, domestic and international transportation networks. There are dozens of three, four and five-star hotels for a combined total of over 12.000 rooms within walking distance to Congress center

100 m from Harbiye bus stop on the Taksim-Sisli line

500 m from Taksim Metro Station linked to the city's new underground system

5 km from Sirkeci train station, terminal of the Orient Express

23 km from Atatürk International Airport - (30 minutes driving distance)

42 km from Sabiha Gokcen Airport - (40 minutes driving distance)

ACCOMMODATION

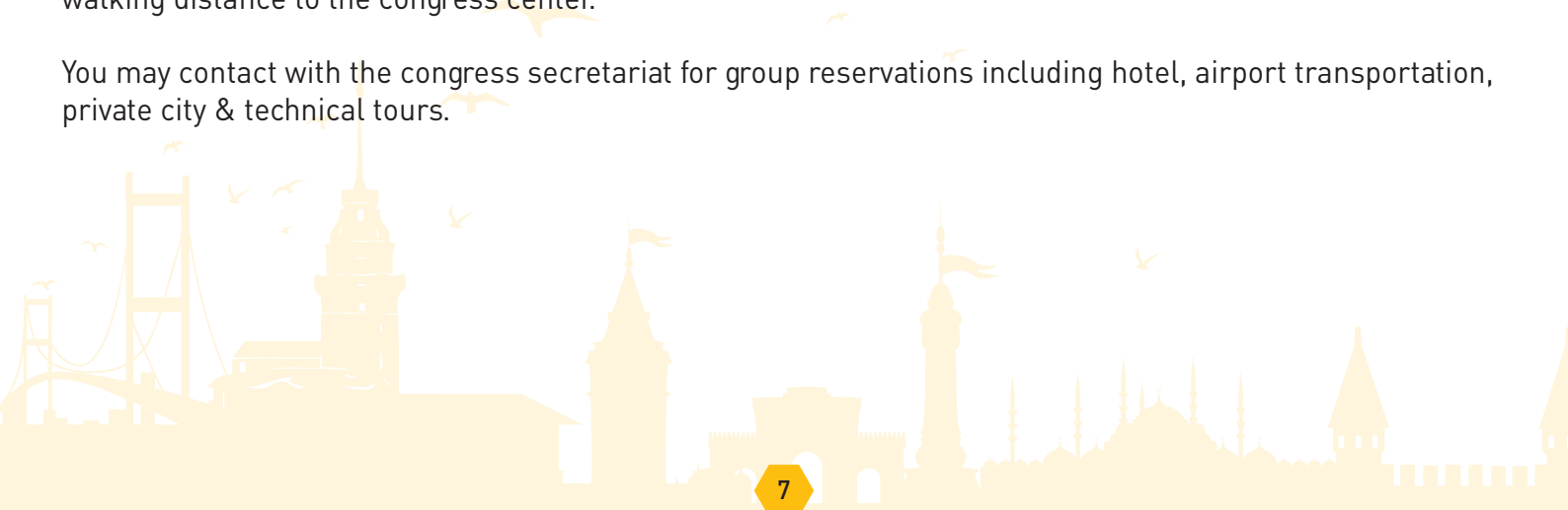


Delegates of 45th Apimondia Congress will have approximately 70.000 guestrooms and hundreds of hotels to choose from in Istanbul. City has 170 five and four star hotels include leading international hotel brands, as well as distinguished local brands.

Whether you need accommodation near the Congress Center or in the Business & Financial District, at the Historic Peninsula or near the Airport & Exhibition District, you will have numerous excellent hotels in several categories to choose from.

Istanbul offers many possibilities for budget travelers, where affordable, clean and safe accommodation is possible. Most of the budget hotels and hostels are located in Sultanahmet and Taksim district which is within walking distance to the congress center.

You may contact with the congress secretariat for group reservations including hotel, airport transportation, private city & technical tours.





VISA PROCEDURE

Visas are required for entry into Turkey by nationals of most countries. However, many of the visas can be purchased for 15-20.-USD at Turkey's airports or border gates and citizens of many countries can enter Turkey without any visas for 90, 60 or 30 days. 77 countries do not require a visa and 122 countries can purchase a visa at the border.

Ministry of foreign affairs also supply an e-visa which makes to get visa much more easier. 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. The whole process takes no more than 10 minutes.

INVITATION LETTER

An official letter of invitation will be sent to you upon request. The invitation letter may be used by visitors to raise travel funds or to obtain a visa, but is not a commitment on the part of the organisers to provide any financial support.

CUSTOMS

Turkey has a relatively free market for trade in goods and services and follows basic World Trade Organization (WTO) rules to regulate imports and tariff structures and has adopted the European Union (EU)'s common customs tariff for imports from third countries.

EASY ACCESS

Istanbul is only 7 hours flight from New York and only 3-4 hours from London or Paris, the city is closer than one may think. Most International and Domestic flights arrive and depart from Istanbul's "Ataturk Airport" 24 km from the city center. There are also second International airport "Sabiha Gokcen Airport" which is 40 km away from the city center on Asia Section. Istanbul is readily accessible from all parts of the world, and served by more than 65 airlines.



TURKISH AIRLINES (THY)

Turkish Airlines which is the "Skytrax Europe's Best Airline Award 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015" winner is Turkey's national flag carrier.

THY operates scheduled services to a total of 268 destinations, in 109 countries and offers direct flights from 265 destinations to Istanbul.

Turkish Airlines is also the official airline of Apimondia 2017. The participants of our Congress will be able to benefit from the discounts up to %20 with a special code that will be announced to the registered participants.

LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

Registration fees do not include the insurance of participants against personal accidents, sickness and cancellations by any party, theft, loss or damage to personal possessions. Congress organisers cannot accept liability for personal injuries sustained, or for loss or damage of property belonging to meeting participants, either during, or as a result of the meeting.



TOUR ALTERNATIVES

CITY TOURS

Istanbul is one of the most prestigious capitals of the ancient and modern world with a 8.500 years of history. City was capital of three empires: Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman. Few cities in the world have such an amazing array of treasures, from those made by man and collected or constructed by three of the world's greatest empires, to those made by nature, like the beautiful Bosphorus. With these priveleges, city offers numerous tour alternatives.

PRE & POST TOURS

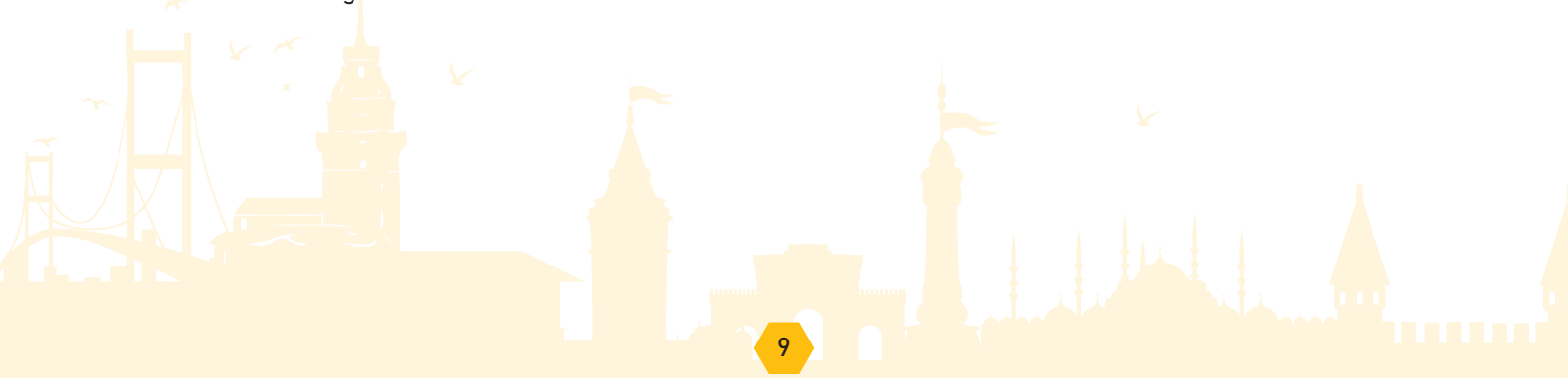
As the city itself such an open air museum, it is recommended to stay at least a week to feel the city and visit the historical sites. There are also, however, dozens of exotic, beautiful, and storied places in Turkey worth visiting, and many guests take advantage of pre&post congress tours to visit cities outside Istanbul



TECHNICAL TOURS

Every different region of Turkey has specific beekeeping and climatic condition, flora and management. As for technical tours, there are many places around Istanbul which are only 45 minutes away from the city centre. There are also day trip alternatives at the surrondings of Istanbul in Marmara Region.

Most of the beekeeping in Turkey takes place in Black Sea, Aegean, Eastern and Center Anatolian, Marmara and Southeastern Anatolia regions. Like Muğla on south west of Turkey where 90% of the world's pine honey is produced. You will be able to experience alternative technical tour programs which are needed 2 or 3 nights accommodation.





USEFUL TIPS

LANGUAGE

Turkish is an Ural-Altaic language related to the Finno-Ugric. Turkish is written in a Latin alphabet and is spoken by some 150-200 million people around the world. English and German and French are widely spoken in cities and resorts.

CURRENCY, BANKS AND EXCHANGE

In Turkey, the currency is the Turkish Lira (TL). Foreign currency can be exchanged at the airport, at banks which are open from 08:30 to 12:00 and at private exchange offices which can be found throughout the city and open from 09:00 to 20:00 hrs.

The exchange rate is set on a daily basis but generally private exchange offices give better exchange rates for cash than banks. Some of the exchange rates as of February 2016 are as follows;

1,00 EUR (€) = 3,20.-TL

1,00 USD (\$) = 2,95.-TL

Traveller's checks can be cashed at most banks. Hotels and most restaurants and shops accept all major credit cards (American Express, VISA, Master Card/Euro Card, and Diner's Club).

SIZES AND MEASURES

Turkey uses continental European sizes for clothes and shoes. Food and drink are sold in metric measures.

TIME

Turkey is two hours ahead of GMT.

ELECTRICITY

The electric current is 220V AC with a frequency of 50 Hertz. European standard plugs with two round pins are used. Most hotels have a receptacle with 110 volts.

COMMUNICATION

Turkish Telecom Inc. is the only telecom service provider. All hotels have direct dial telephone systems in the rooms. Turkey has 3 GSM operators (Turkcell, Vodafone, Avea). Please consult your local GSM operator to find out if they have roaming agreement with Turkish Operators. Post offices are open for general business from 09:00 to 17:00, Monday to Saturday.

CLIMATE

Istanbul has a climate combining Mediterranean and Black Sea climate, with a hot dry summer and pleasantly warm spring and fall. Winters are cold but snow is rare. The vegetation is predominantly of the Mediterranean type. Average temperature is 19 – 22 degrees Celcius in the period of Apimondia 2017 Congress in Istanbul.



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