



SECURITY STATEMENT

We know that there are some concerns about security issues in Istanbul and as the Local Organizing Committee we want to clarify the question marks, inform all participants about the situation in Istanbul.

Terrorism is global, unfortunately nowhere in the world is completely safe. Maybe because of our geographical location, we feel the effects of this situation stronger than some other countries but unfortunately we face many bad incidents in many other countries.

Life goes on in Istanbul, as the residents of Istanbul we are out for shopping, eating, entertainment, night life etc. We believe that Istanbul is still ideally placed and we continue to enjoy this situation.

In our city authorities have every possible security measure in place. There is a great professionalism in the Events sector in Turkey, we constantly adapt and get the best out of situations. The area that we are going to organize Apimondia, named Congress Valley is the most secure place in Istanbul. Still big events are being organized in Istanbul, some of the events which will be organized in the congress valley throughout the year are 22nd World Petroleum Congress, 16th World Congress of Neurosurgery, World Tourism Forum, 5th International Istanbul Smart Grids and Cities Congress, International Women Vendors Forum and Exhibition, EURIE Annual Summit, Black Sea Economic Cooperation Summit, International Dental Congress and Expodental, World Conference on Technology, Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

And beside these we'll be hosting huge international sports organizations like Euroleague Basketball Final Four in May and European National Basketball Championship just before Apimondia 2017.

Istanbul Police Headquarters is very professional in events business, they can close whole area to access and make security control at the entrance of Conference Valley, before the Congress Center main entrance if we want to. It has been done before many times especially for the organizations with high protocol participation. And one of the biggest advantage of our congress location is the accommodation, there are thousands of bed capacity in walking distance to the congress center.

We are working very close with the local authorities. 45th Apimondia International Apicultural Congress is very important for Turkey, not only for Turkish Beekeeping Association. Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs, Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock are directly involved in our congress. Governorship of Istanbul and Istanbul Municipality are supporting the congress and they'll be directly involved just before and during the organization. Beside these, Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Ministry of Customs and Trade, Ministry of EU Affairs are strongly supporting us.

Especially Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock is leading and guarding the congress and will give full support for all expectations. Head of "Directorate-General for International Relations of the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock" is a member of the Local Organising Committee of Apimondia 2017. They will contact with the local authorities in other countries and invite them to participate in Apimondia 2017.

We also want to give some information about the general situation about 45th Apimondia International Apicultural Congress

We have a great interest to Api Expo, nearly %75 of the booths, 2927 sqm are reserved by 141 different companies, institutions, associations! And many Turkish companies didn't reserve their booth yet. Turkish companies generally make these kind of procedures last minute. We also have information that some companies are planning to make product launches and also some of them are also planning to organize their distributors meeting during Apimondia Congress.

These Api Expo numbers do not include the booths of local authorities like four ministries from Turkey, Istanbul Governorship, Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality, Sile and Beykoz Municipality, Istanbul Convention & Visitors Bureau, Association of Turkish Tourism Agencies, Istanbul Tourism Bureau, Turkish Airlines and the free booths that we are going to provide for associations like Apimondia, Apislavia etc.

We also want to inform you that we've signed 2 contracts for Gold Sponsorship. 1- USA based company, Bees Vita Plus 2- TURKEY based company Balparmac. Beside these we have two supporting sponsor from Turkey, Apimon Beekeeping and Biohayat.

Istanbul is still a very attractive destination for many countries. In the past many people from many different countries couldn't attend the Apimondia congresses because of different problems like finance, visa problems, travel time etc. and Istanbul is a big change for them. Many people say that "If I'll be able to attend one Apimondia Congress in my life, Istanbul will be the one."

Everything is going on time according to our working plan. According to our agenda we'll organize Executive Council meeting of Apimondia between June 1-5, 2017 and after that meeting scientific program will be finalized and announced.

We believe this overblown situation in the world will normalise very soon and 45th Apimondia Congress will be a big success and "crowded" congress in Istanbul next September.

We are looking forward to welcome you in our lovely city, Istanbul..

Best Regards

Local Organizing Committee
45th Apimondia International Apicultural Congress

