

FOREWORD

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to participate in ICONARCH II - International Congress of Architecture II, about “INNOVATIVE APPROACHES in ARCHITECTURE and PLANNING”, which will be held in Konya, TURKEY, 20-22 November, 2014.

I am very honored and pleased to emphasize that we became Faculty of Architecture. The ICONARCH I, which was organized by Faculty of Engineering-Architecture, was about “Architecture and Technology”. A total of 27 foreign scholars from the USA, Italy, Holland, Austria, England, Finland, Portugal, Germany, Poland, Lebanon, Iran and Cyprus, and 33 Turkish scholars attended the Congress. ICONARCH claims to be a brand name in Turkey and in the world as a platform where various issues in Architecture, Planning and, connected with them, various cultural, sector-related and intellectual topics are discussed. The congress event not only creates a scientific and academic surplus value but also becomes a field of synergy highlighting the historical, cultural, spatial and intellectual wealth of the city of Konya through trips organized within the scope of the congress. Details about ICONARCH I are given at (<http://www.iconarch2012.org/>). Our dream is to be able to organize ICONARCH III in our new campus area devoted specifically to our Faculty.

Innovation can be defined as developing new ideas in different fields and putting them into practice. New or significantly altered products, processes, methods, applications and organizations fall within the scope of innovation. According to the previously produced products and processes in Architecture and planning;

- To make better designs
- To eliminate problems observed in previous structures
- To increase functionality
- Sustainable, renewable and eco-technological approaches
- Globalization and social networks in processes and actors
- Digitalization in conservation and restoration
- To solve spatial problems through changes made in planning
- And smart systems in transportation and infrastructure are all innovation.

Researchers from all over the world are fully invited to present their papers and attend this congress to share their experiences with others about innovative approaches in Architecture and Planning. On behalf of the organizing committee, I hope you will join us for a symphony of outstanding science, and take a little extra time to discover the unique beauty of Konya. We look forward to welcoming you to Konya.

Yours Sincerely..

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