

We are candidated to operate ESCAP 2029 meeting in Istanbul with our 32 years of experience and 1342 members as The Turkish Association for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

The Turkish Association for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (TACAP) was established in 1991. It is headquartered in Ankara, in the capital city of Türkiye and has representatives in various cities. The Turkish Association for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry operates as a professional organization of specialist and residents of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. Three textbooks and ten different books which were related with different subjects of child psychiatry (e.g. infant mental health, psychometric evaluation) have been published with TACAP. The association organizes National Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Congresses every year in cooperation with the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Departments of different universities. This year 32nd National Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Congress took place in Istanbul with 900 participants. In another meeting the Adolescent Symposiums, which were first held in 1996 by the Association's Adolescent Commission, a different area of adolescence problems is discussed each year. The commissions within the association carry out studies and activities on various issues related to child and adolescent mental health. In Our association is a member of the International Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Related Professions (IACAPAP), the European Society of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (ESCAP) and the Child Psychiatry Unit of the European Association of Medical Professionals (UEMS). 717 residents, 391 specialists and 234 faculty members are members of the association. Organization Website is <https://www.cogepder.org.tr/>

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Turkish Journal of Child and Adolescent Mental Health (TJCAMH) (E-ISSN:2687-3532) the official organ of Turkish Association for Child And Adolescent Psychiatry and it has been published since 1994.

This is an international, open access, scientific, peer-reviewed journal in accordance with independent, unbiased, and double-blinded peerreview principles published quarterly in Turkish or English. The journal is published tri-annually in March, July and November electronically. It is an independent international periodical journal based on the double-blind peer-review principle.

TJCAMH aims to advance the science and practice of child and adolescent psychiatry by publishing original research and papers of theoretical, scientific, and clinical relevance to the field. TJCAMH welcomes in particular papers covering the mental health of children, adolescents, and families; genetic, epidemiological, neurobiological, and psychopathological research; cognitive, behavioral, psychodynamic, and other psychotherapeutic investigations; parent-child, interpersonal, and family research; and clinical and empirical research in inpatient, outpatient, consultation-liaison, and school-based settings. Contributions from national institutions and all around the world are encouraged.

The target audience includes specialists and physicians in training in child and adolescent psychiatry in all relevant disciplines.

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In our association, we aimed to organize needs for different parts of child and adolescent mental health. We have 21 commissions as following below:

1-Forensic Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Commission

2-Residency Commission

3-Addiction Commission

4-Infant Mental Health Commission

5-Children's Rights Commission

6-Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder Commission

7-Mood Disorder Commission

8-Education, Culture and Art Commission

9-Adolescent Commission

10-Ethical Commission

11-Consultation Liaison Commission

12-Media Commission

13-Autism Commission

14-Children with Special Needs Commission

15-Policy Development and International Relations Commission

16-Psychopharmacology Commission

17-Psychotherapy Commission

18-The commission of prevention of violating professional boundaries

19-Trauma Commission

11-Inpatient Institutions Commission

We would like to organize ESCAP 2029 in Istanbul. Because Istanbul is a very old attraction center and metropolis in the world.

Istanbul's history is a tapestry woven with the threads of ancient civilizations and powerful empires. Founded as Byzantium in the 7th century BC, it became the capital of the Eastern Roman Empire, known as Byzantium, in the 4th century AD. Renamed Constantinople in 330 AD, it served as the glittering capital of the Byzantine Empire for over a millennium.

In 1453, the Ottoman Empire under Sultan Mehmed the Conqueror captured Constantinople, marking a pivotal moment in history. The city was transformed into the capital of the Ottoman Empire and renamed Istanbul. For centuries, Istanbul flourished as a center of Islamic culture, trade, and imperial grandeur. Magnificent structures like the Topkapi Palace and the Suleymaniye Mosque were constructed, showcasing the splendor and architectural prowess of the Ottomans.

During the 19th and early 20th centuries, Istanbul witnessed significant changes. The Ottoman Empire faced challenges and reforms under Western influences. In 1923, the Republic of Turkey was established, and Ankara became the new capital. Istanbul retained its importance as Turkey's economic and cultural hub, undergoing modernization while preserving its historical treasures.

Today, Istanbul stands as a vibrant metropolis that harmoniously blends its glorious past with the dynamism of the present. Its iconic landmarks, such as the Hagia Sophia, Blue Mosque, and the Grand Bazaar, attract millions of visitors who seek to immerse themselves in the city's rich history. The city's diverse neighborhoods reflect its multicultural heritage, from the narrow streets of Sultanahmet to the lively districts of Beyoglu and Kadikoy.

Istanbul's history is etched into its streets, palaces, and monuments, offering a fascinating journey through time. It is a testament to the city's enduring spirit and its ability to reinvent itself while honoring its illustrious past. Istanbul invites you to explore its captivating history, where empires have risen and fallen, leaving behind a legacy that continues to inspire and awe.

Transportation in Istanbul is well-developed and offers various convenient choices. The Istanbul Metro is a reliable and efficient way to travel throughout the city, with lines connecting major districts and attractions. The tram system, particularly the T1 line, is popular for exploring the historic Sultanahmet area, where you can visit iconic sites like the Hagia Sophia and the Blue Mosque. The nostalgic wooden tramcar along Istiklal Street provides a charming way to experience the bustling atmosphere of the city's vibrant shopping and entertainment district.

To enjoy the scenic beauty of Istanbul, hop on a ferry or a boat tour along the Bosphorus. This allows you to admire the stunning views of the city's skyline, historic palaces, and the interplay between Europe and Asia. You can also take a leisurely stroll along the shores of the Golden Horn, a natural harbor that separates the European side of Istanbul.

When it comes to accommodation, Istanbul offers a wide range of options to suit every taste and budget. If you seek luxury, indulge in iconic five-star hotels such as the Çırağan Palace Kempinski or the Pera Palace Hotel. These establishments provide unparalleled comfort and often offer breathtaking views of the Bosphorus or the city's historical landmarks.

For a more intimate and authentic experience, consider staying in boutique hotels located in charming neighborhoods like Sultanahmet, Beyoglu, or Kadikoy. These boutique hotels often showcase the city's unique architectural styles, blending contemporary comfort with traditional elements. Some notable options include the Sumahan on the Water, situated in a converted Ottoman distillery, or the Vault Karakoy House Hotel, housed in a restored bank building.

If you prefer a more local experience, Istanbul offers numerous guesthouses, known as "pensions," where you can stay in cozy rooms and interact with welcoming hosts. These guesthouses can be found in neighborhoods like Balat or Karakoy, providing a genuine glimpse into the local culture and daily life of Istanbul.

No matter your preference, Istanbul's accommodation options are as diverse as its cultural tapestry, ensuring a comfortable and memorable stay.

In summary, Istanbul's transportation network offers a variety of options, including the metro, tram, ferry, and nostalgic tramcar, allowing you to navigate the city conveniently. Accommodation choices range from luxurious hotels with stunning views to boutique hotels in historic neighborhoods and cozy guesthouses that provide an authentic local experience. Embrace the best of Istanbul's transportation and accommodation offerings as you explore the city's rich history and immerse yourself in its vibrant culture.

We have many different and good options in Istanbul for congress venue.

Istanbul Congress Center is an international congress and event destination, boasting world-class technological infrastructure, experienced staff, and a high-quality service it offers to visitor. Spanning an area of 120.000m² on a total of eight floors, Istanbul Congress Center hosts social, cultural and professional events of all kinds, including but not limited to national and international congresses, conferences, symposiums, corporate meetings, fairs, exhibitions, concerts, musicals, and theater and movie premieres.

Istanbul Lutfi Kirdar International Convention and Exhibition Centre - ICEC, the very first and the leading convention and exhibition centre of Istanbul has been the driving force of the Turkish meeting industry for almost a quarter of a century. Located at the heart of the City, within walking distance to almost 10.000 hotel rooms, Istanbul Lutfi Kirdar International Convention and Exhibition Centre - ICEC has been the venue for countless international

meetings and congresses during its 24 years of operation of excellence. Istanbul Lutfi Kirdar International Convention and Exhibition Centre – ICEC with its wide halls and inspiring meeting rooms has the capacity to host many events simultaneously. The main building and the Rumeli Hall with its stunning view of the Bosphorus, technological structure and innovative services are capable of hosting many events from congresses to meetings, fairs to exhibitions, cocktails to gala dinners, film premieres to cultural events at the national and the international level.

Istanbul Lutfi Kirdar International Convention and Exhibition Centre – ICEC has a strong customer-centric team who value collaboration and communication. This is another reason why the venue has become the most preferred convention and exhibition centre of Istanbul.

Haliç Congress Center is a privately-owned enterprise whose land is owned by the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality. The Center opened its doors to the national and international meeting industry with the 5th World Water Forum in 2009. It hosts events that are worthy of the brand value of Istanbul, the fastest developing and most preferred destination in recent years in the congress, meeting and event industry. The only center of its kind on the shores of Istanbul, Haliç Congress Center brings aesthetics, flexibility and color to events with its completely sun-lit and spacious galleries and foyers that boast access to the seafront and original architecture. It fulfills a crucial mission for our city by hosting a wide range of events, including international congresses and meetings, fairs and exhibitions, cocktail receptions and gala dinners, wedding ceremonies, film galas, and culture and art events. The 102,000-square meter Haliç Congress Center boasts 16,000 square meters of outdoor area, a seating capacity ranging from 219 to 3,004 people, five state-of-the-art auditoriums, connecting foyer and gallery areas totaling 9,172 square meters, and 23 multi-purpose halls with seating capacities ranging from 50 to 850. Haliç Congress Center is the preferred choice due to the attention paid to service quality, its technological infrastructure equipped with state-of-the-art equipment, its team of seasoned and professional staff, its seafront and outdoor event areas, and its capacity to host multiple events simultaneously.

We can provide the most appropriate registration fees if the congress would be held in Istanbul-Turkiye.

The price level index is the indicator of the purchasing power of the national currencies of the countries in comparison with the exchange rate. If the price level index of a country is greater than 100, this country is expressed as "expensive" compared to the country group average,

and if it is less than 100, this country is expressed as "cheap" compared to the country group average.

Turkey's price level index for actual individual consumption became 32 according to the provisional results. In this area, Türkiye became the most affordable country in Europe. On this occasion, we, as the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Association, think that we can declare the most appropriate registration fees if the congress would be held in Türkiye.

We also have a large and rich organization team for organizing congresses and we have many experiences.

Founded in 1991, the Turkish Association for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry has succeeded in organizing the national congresses, the largest educational event, annually from the first year to now. This year, we held the **32nd Turkish National Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Congress** in Istanbul, one of the most beautiful cities in the world, with the participation of approximately 900 child and adolescent psychiatry specialists. The motto of our national congress was determined as "Innovation in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry: Creative Ideas, New Horizons" in this year. Within this framework, we prepared an exciting scientific program that includes terrific lectures and courses, from 7:30 am to 19:00 pm, that blended the topics in the field of child and adolescent mental health with brand new scientific and innovative developments with the aim of discussing the studies and strategies that will ensure the upbringing of mentally healthy children and young people who actively think, wonder, reason, dream, explore differences and experience life. At the congress, president of IACAPAP, Prof. Dr. Luis A. Rohde, and Prof. Dr. Robert Findling, Prof. Dr. Yoram Braw, Prof. Dr. Oliviero Bruni gave face-to-face lectures and courses, while Prof. Dr. Antonio Hardan, Prof. Dr. Paul Plener, Prof. Dr. Guido K.W.Frank, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gagan Joshi, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Guilherme Polanczky, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Michael Bloch, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Emily Olfson, Prof. Dr. Judith Owens and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Markin Czup gave lectures as online keynote speakers.

62 panels and 22 courses and workshops were organized in 8 different halls simultaneously and very different, interesting topics from Comorbidities in Life Span of ADHD-Global Approaches in Treatment to Virtual Reality Technology in Psychology were discussed with the participation of mentors from Turkey and all over the world in the field of child and adolescent psychiatry. Our president, Prof. Dr. Neslihan Inal, also organized meet to expert sessions where complicated cases were discussed from different perspectives with Turkish

mentors, Prof.Dr.Yankı Yazgan, Prof. Prof.Dr.Ebru Kültür, Prof. Mücahit Öztürk and Prof.Dr.Ayhan Bilgiç during 5 different sessions with the residents.

Besides, 5 scientific studies were awarded with 3 different award programs during our congress to encourage scientific studies. 50 posters and 90 oral presentations, 29 case reports were submitted to our congress, and 65 residents who received the highest score who submitted posters and oral presentations were given scholarships for participations in the congress, travel and accommodation.

We would like to mention about our guest's comments here *"I had the privilege of attending the Turkish Society for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry's annual meeting in 2023. It was an extraordinary meeting. One of the best of its kind I have ever attended. Besides being extremely well-attended, the quality of the science was outstanding. The presentations were terrific. Perhaps most impressive was the collegial and collaborative atmosphere that was fostered by the Meeting's leadership. I also thought the way the Meeting was welcoming and supportive of attendees from those in training for Professors was remarkable. Simply put, this Meeting was absolutely one of the best professional meetings I have ever attended. I do hope that I will be able to attend in 2024"* **Professor Robert L. Findling MD**
The chair of the VCU School of Medicine's Department of Psychiatry.
C. Kenneth and Dianne Wright Distinguished Chair in Clinical & Translational Research.

"I had the privilege in taking part of different Congresses of the Turkish Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry during the last 15 years. It always called my attention the commitment and passionate work done in favor of child and adolescent mental health by diverse steering committees of the association. Moreover, it is important to highlight the efforts to provide high-level medical education for the young generation of Turkish Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists not only on relevant diagnostic approaches, as in the initiative to train them in applying semi-structured diagnostic interviews, but also in integrating the research agenda in their psychiatric training. I had a chance to attend their last national meeting in May. Besides a very comprehensive, updated, and well-organized clinical agenda, it was very touching to see how the association has organized a huge and prompt response to the negative child mental health impact associated to the catastrophic earthquake that affected Turkey. I am sure that an Association with this level of maturity will be a wonderful host for a European meeting on Child and Adolescent Psychiatry" **Professor Luis Augusto**

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President of IACAPAP.

**For all these reasons, we are sure that we have all the facilities and experience for
organizing ESCAP 2029 in the magnificent and oldest city Istanbul.**