



Activity Report
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At The Begining Turkish Geographical Society

- In June 1941, Turkish Ministry of Education has been pioneered to the gathering of first Geography Congress by taking decisions of founding Turkish Geographical Society in Turkey.
- Turkish Geographical Society has become a non government organization by the decision given by the Council of Ministers.
- Between the years of 1943-1988, the headquarter of Turkish Geographical Society was in Ankara, but since 1988, the headquarter is in İstanbul.

The Main Goal of the Society

To promote and improve the endeavors of geography in Turkey, other places and anthrogeography and analyzing Turkey's geographical surveys with scientific methods and following the earths geographic movements and improvements.

Turkish Geographical Review

- In 1943, the first edition of Turkish Geographical Review was published, and in 2008, its 49th edition published.
- Turkish Geographical Review has also been serving at the internet site with the address of www.tcd.org.tr even if by publishing its 50th edition.
- By publishing twice a year (June and December) and it has been granted the status of national reference magazine, its 53rd edition has been published in 2009 December.

- Especially, Academicians, partly Geography teachers and different geographical scientific researcher papers have given an important status to the said society by publishing its magazines.

Example Facilities of the Society

- In 29th Occupational Geography Week, South Marmara Region (locational problem and solutions) meeting has been accomplished by heading and editing of Prof. Dr. Suna Doganer in Çanakkale on 17-19 May 2001. In this context, one announcement about this meeting has been published.
- Scientific congress held in memory of our Association's sixth president (Prof. Dr. İsmail YALÇINLAR) and a geography congress was held in İstanbul called National Geographic Congress 2005. Announcement book of the congress published as of 724 pages.
- Geography Teachers Workshop in October 2009 was held with the participation of 400 teachers and supported by the National Education Management of İstanbul province by the organizing of at the Başakşehir- Çınar College with presentations of academicians and geographic teachers.
- Field Trip ☒ Geography Teachers of Geography Field Trip 2009☒ was held by Dr. Ahmet Ertek and his team of 40 people during 14 days in the Internal and Western Anatolian, passing 5000 km.
- East Africa Overland 2009, headed by Geography Teacher Fügen DEDE and her team of 6 members ☒ was completed successfully with in 34 days, passing six countries in line of Ethiopia and the Republic of South Africa.





After the Last General Meeting of the Society in January 2010,

Within Three Years Plan:

- At the fall of 2011, celebrating of founding 70th Anniversary of the Society to organize a big an International broad participation Geography Congress,
- To make an International High School Geography Projects Competition among students,
- To arrange intermediate and advance level Geographic Information System seminars,
- To prepare an International Scientific Projects, Workshops, Seminars and to arrange conferences.
- In Homeland (International and East Anatolian Area Workshop, Blacksea Area Land workshop) in Abroad (İstanbul- Akabe Overland, South America Overland, Central America Overland, South East Asia Overland) to make Area studyings and geographical excursions.

Within Next Three Year Goals

- To provide the necessary attempts for the recognition of "geographer" occupation,
- Endeavours have been started for the 2020 candidacy of the 34th International Congress in Istanbul

where meets the continents and connects other world geographic locations.

Dear my colleagues,

We aim to publish newsletter regarding with the Society (Turkish- English) at the six month period at the website of (www.tck.org.tr) and to accomplish this aim tryings have been started.

With Best Regards

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Geography Teachers Seminar, Yesilkoy, Istanbul.

1. “Geography Teachers Seminar” was held by Turkish Geography Institute in cooperation with Yesilkoy Anatolian High School and Istanbul Provincial Directorate of National Education for the benefit of Geography Teachers in order to discuss Geography Education and other professional issues. The activity was performed in the January 10th, 2009 and 275 Geography teachers attended.



Marsabit, Ethiopia.



2. A study was made on the formations of new swallowholes on Obruk Plato of Konya in the Central Anatolia due to excessive usage of underground water in agricultural irrigation and illicit wells. The public opinion was informed about the results of this study.



After a Geography Seminar.



Geography Competition Award Ceremony.



3. The third of the geographical knowledge contest named "Curious Geographers in Competition", which FMV Private Ayazaga Isik Elementary School held in the June 3rd, 2009 in overall Istanbul in cooperation with Turkish Geography Institute with participation of grade 6, 7, and 8 students from 20 schools in order to increase the interest of our students in geographical sciences, improve their decision-making skills and help them using the time efficiently.



Ecuador

4. A Geographical Information Systems (GIS) Seminar was conducted by Turkish Geography Institute in cooperation with European College in the dates 13-14 June and 20-21 June 2009 in the computer laboratory of College. 12 geography teachers attended in this 32-hour seminar.



Iguazu Falls, Argentina



Machu Picchu, Peru.





Fethiye - Kayakoy - Oludeniz Trekking, Geography Teachers Field Trip, Turkey.



Turkish Geography Magazine



Desert in Morocco

5. Issues 47, 48, and 49 of Turkish Geography Magazine were published.
6. Turkish Geography Magazine started being published at www.tcd.org.tr from the Issue 50. To this end, the Issues 50, 51, and 52 of the Magazine have been published on the internet environment since May 2009.
7. Southern America Overland was successfully performed in 30 days from July 15th to August 15.



Dendrochronology Studies, Central Anatolia Geography Teachers Field Trip, Fethiye, Turkey.



8. Eastern Africa Overland was successfully performed in 45 days from July 16th to August 21 2009.
9. Central-Western Anatolia Geography Teachers Field Study, arranged by Turkish Geography Institution between the dates July 18th and 31st 2009, was successfully completed with the participation of a team of 40 people consisting of academicians, geography teachers, geography students, and nature lovers in 14 days and by travelling over 5,000 km.



Cape of Good Hope, South Africa.



Addisababa, Ethiopia.



Rafting, Central Anatolia Geography Teachers Field Trip, Turkey.



Saklikent Canyon, Central Anatolia Geography Teachers Field Trip, Turkey.



Salar de Uyuni, Bolivia.





Geography Teachers Workshop, Basaksehir, Istanbul.

10. Geography Teachers Workshop was successfully conducted in Basaksehir-Cinar College in the October 10th-11th 2009. A universe simulation show was made for the participants in Cinar College Planetarium at the last day of workshop.
11. Endeavours have been started for the 2020 candidacy of the 34th International Congress in Istanbul where meets the continents and connects other world geographic locations.



Geography Teachers and Academicians, after a Seminar.





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