

Young Surveyors' Days

The largest Turkish geomatics related student event, Young Surveyors' Days, will take place in Konya, Turkey, from 2nd to 6th May 2009, with all eleven Geomatics Engineering departments in the country attending. Students, engineers and international participants are also invited to participate; 'young' referring here to everyone from seven to seventy whose heart is in geomatics engineering!

The Young Surveyors' Days (abbreviated GHG in Turkish) originated in Istanbul in May 2001 at a first meeting organised by Istanbul Technical University in co-operation with Yıldız Technical University and the Istanbul branch of the Turkish Chamber of Surveying and Cadastre Engineers (HKMO). The event was such a success that it was decided to host it every two years, each time by one of the eleven departments in co-operation with HKMO. Thus the second meeting in

2003 was held by Karadeniz Technical University (Trabzon), the third in 2005 by Istanbul Technical University in cooperation with the International Geodetic Student Meeting (IGSM), and the fourth in 2007 by Zonguldak Karaelmas University.

The aim of GHG is to bring together geomatics engineering students from both Turkey and abroad, giving participants an opportunity to join technical



Participants at the second GHG in Trabzon 2003.

sessions, hear keynote speeches and participate in discussion forums, present their departments and universities and discuss their professional future. Besides technical activities, a busy social programme may include a sightseeing tour of the city, a gala dinner and a picnic, providing a perfect occasion for

establishing a network and developing friendships with future colleagues. GHG is an important meeting for geomatics engineering students in the country, as it is Turkey's largest student-originated event. The entire proceedings are organised by host-students, doing so with limited resources but unlimited

willingness. They take great pleasure in hosting their friends and fellow students, some of whom they already know and some they are meeting for the first time. Without a doubt, the gains on the participant side are co-operation skills, friendship and kindness. Participants are expected to

take an active part in the event. They will be asked to present their department and university and discuss ideas, problems and plans relating to their professional education and future. Senior staff from the Geomatic Engineering departments and HKMO will also join in this discussion. Teams from different departments are encouraged to join in activities during the event to help build a network that will hopefully develop co-operation and unity among the geomatic engineers of the future.

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