



## 16<sup>th</sup> WORLD CONGRESS on HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

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Dear WFPMA Board Member,

Especially in these days, we are all aware of that security is the major global concern to all world cities and we know the fact that these concerns are affecting all people's choice of destinations for their future leisure and business events.

It is inevitable that governments, all business partners and the meeting and tourism industry should collaborate to ensure a global business tourism that is both safe and secure. Thus, it is crucial that travelling to Istanbul, and more broadly to other destinations, must continue, for a variety of reasons but most importantly we deeply believe that solidarity against terrorism and inhuman acts is the key solution for all destinations.

On our side, all necessary measures have promptly and actively taken by General Directorate of Security Affairs in Istanbul and through Turkey in order to ensure the safety of foreign guests. Hence, travels and transportation to and within Turkey are not in anyway hindered.

Looking at the bigger picture, all planned congresses, meetings and events continue as usual in Istanbul. Indeed, last year Turkey held the presidency for the G20, the premier global forum for economic cooperation and it hosted the highest level of governmental, business and civil society meetings within the framework of G20 in Antalya, Istanbul, Ankara and beyond. Furthermore, our city hosted around 136 international meetings with 60.000 participants in 2015. We have already confirmed 60 international congresses for 2016 and we are expecting for that figure to be much higher.

As the World's top 10 congress destination and 5th most visited city with estimated over 12 million international visitors, the year of 2016 will be quite busy in Istanbul; just to name a few;

- 2.000 delegates for the 15th World Cereal and Bread Congress in April,
- 2.000 delegates for the European Society of Cardiology-Europrevent Congress in May,
- 2.500 delegates for 41 Scientific Assembly and Associated Events -COSPAR- in July
- 9.000 attendees for the 23rd World Energy Congress -WEC- in October
- 2.000 delegates for the 34th World Congress of Sports Medicine -FIMS- in October.

We believe that the daily lives and universal values must not be defeated by the fear of terrorism, as meetings, leisure and cultural activities should continue to grow in size and scope, it is necessary to make sure that every kind of travelling continues without a hitch.

As ICVB, we will continue hosting the international events planned in Istanbul and will be awaiting for our visitors.

Kind Regards,

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