



MedCLIVAR 2014 Conference
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Cultural and Congress Center
Middle East Technical University (METU)
Ankara (Turkey)

**Understanding Climate Evolution
and Effects on Environment and Societies
in the Old World region**

5th circular

Dear MedCLIVAR 2014 participant,

this is an information update as you have started or will start soon to make travel arrangements. You can access updated information through the web page at <http://www.medclivar2014conf.eu/>, where you can also register.

News

- Remember, **the deadline early rates apply have been until the evening of 21 May.**
- **The program of the Conference in available on line.** It will be updated with the schedule of the short poster presentations in the next few days.
- **Conference Organization**
The conference is supported by Asterya, the service and travel company housed at the METU campus, providing support for the conference at <http://medclivar.asterya.com>. All inquiries about registration fee payment, hotels, travel and local information should be addressed to medclivar@asterya.com
- **Local transport**
Local information on conference site, university campus and transport are provided at the conference web site. Transport between the designated hotels and guesthouses and the conference center, as well to the social events will be offered by the conference organization. Other forms of public transport by bus and taxi are also available.
- **Hotels**
Only those hotels announced at the web site (<http://medclivar.asterya.com/accommodation/>) should be used if you are going to stay in a hotel, because of convenience in transport to the METU campus. In case you wish to make an alternative hotel reservation please inform us.

➤ **Guesthouse opportunity**

Some rooms at the University guesthouses have been reserved primarily for committees and chairpersons of the sessions. However, there will be about 20 rooms at the "Aysel Sabuncu Living Center", a guesthouse on the METU campus, available for conference participants, with priority for students or post-docs on a first come first served basis. Single or double occupancy can be requested, Cost: 20-30 Euro/night/person/room. The guesthouse is actively used, there are other conferences following ours and as the time is getting closer we will release the number of rooms not used by us for the benefit of other users. Because the guesthouses are University property, I will do your reservations for the guesthouses, based on your request. Please address your requests to me at ozsoy@ims.metu.edu.tr

The "Aysel Sabuncu Living Center" has about 20 rooms reserved, including double-bed and single-bed rooms with 24-hour hot water, cable TV, small fridge and access to wi-fi internet, a kettle and some utensils. A TV lounge and breakfast is offered. Overlooking the METU campus from a forested hill but at distance of ~2 km from the Conference site, The guesthouse is accessed by a road entrance from the Teknokent area, and although the distance is not too far, it is not advised to walk to the campus academic area. Instead taxi or car are preferred means of transport, the taxi costing about 5-6 Euros. However, transport will be provided by the conference organizer in the morning and evening (and also late evening if desired). More information on the Aysel Sabuncu living center (ASYM - Aysel Sabuncu Yasam Merkezi) can be found below (in Turkish only):

<http://stm.metu.edu.tr/ayssel-sabuncu-yasam-merkezi>

<http://stm.metu.edu.tr/asym-resimleri> (pictures)

<http://stm.metu.edu.tr/asym-fiyatlari> (costs in TL, the last column is for external guests, 1 Euro ~ 3 TL, tek kiÅilik oda = one bed room, çift kişilik oda = two bed room)

➤ **Conference Dinner and Rahmi Koc museum visit**

The conference dinner will be on Tuesday 24 June at the Rahmi Koc Museum at the citadel of Ankara. At the same time we will have a chance to have some time at the displays of this museum and the surrounding citadel before dinner. The museum has been organized by one of Turkey's first modern industrialists, originally from Ankara. Detailed information on the site can be found at:

http://www.rmk-museum.org.tr/cengelhan/en/rmk_dining.htm

<http://www.rmk-museum.org.tr/cengelhan/en/index.htm>

➤ **Museum of Anatolian Civilizations**

Unless you are leaving earlier, the planned visit to the Museum of Anatolian Civilizations, located also at the citadel, is an event you should not miss on the afternoon of Wednesday 25 June. It is the richest source of Anatolian archeology. Detailed information on the site can be found at:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Museum_of_Anatolian_Civilizations

<http://www.kultur.gov.tr/EN,39516/ankara---anatolian-civilizations-museum.html>

http://www.transanatolie.com/English/Turkey/In%20Brief/Museums/AMM/anatolian_civilisations_museum.htm

<http://www.kultur.gov.tr/genel/SanalMuzeler/anadoluMM/index.html>

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/turkey/central-anatolia/ankara/sights/museums-galleries/museum-anatolian-civilisations>

➤ **Cappadocia Tour**

The post-conference Cappadocia Tour has been moved one day earlier to 26-27 June. The updated information is at <http://medclivar.asterya.com/tours/post-cappadocia-tour/>.

Our experienced conference company Asterya offers to guide and organize this tour. Do not miss it if you can stay just two days after the conference. Please confirm your wish to participate in the tour by sending an e-mail copied to medclivar@asterya.com and ozsoy@ims.metu.edu.tr. Some general information on this world heritage can be found at the following links:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cappadocia>

<http://wikitravel.org/en/Cappadocia>

http://www.nytimes.com/slideshow/2007/09/05/travel/20070909_NEXT_SLIDESHOW_index.html?_r=0

<http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/357>

Please, email info@medclivar2014conf.eu for information on the conference and its organization.

Information on the conference will be regularly posted on

www.medclivar2014conf.eu

and on the MedCLIVAR website www.medclivar.eu