The 2nd International Congress of Geography Education 2019 (ICGE-2019) invites geographers, educators and other academics in related fields, social workers, policy makers and other professionals to send original research abstracts and case studies formatted according to the given format. The Congress will be held on 3-5 October 2019 in Eskişehir, Turkey, under the theme “Powerful Geography Education, Powerful Future” by Eskişehir Osmangazi University.

There is no limitation of topics in the Congress although we declare some sub-topics in geography education, physical geography and human geography in this announcement. Moreover, everyone who works or studies in other disciplines of academia or teachers can submit papers.

Especially during the last two decades, most of the problems between human, environment and space are thought to originate from a lack of significance of geography in the educational system and in daily life. This causes insufficient knowledge, skills and action for the events that affect people and their lives. The tendencies about the future indicate that more events will affect human life in the future if the relationship between human, environment and space is not dealt with seriously and properly. In this respect Powerful Geography approach can help to organize a better and Powerful Future for human and also for the Earth as geography focuses on how to live with harmony and not to dominate the environment and space.

On the other hand, it seems that the place of geography and geography education in public institutions in different countries have become weaker dramatically in recent years. But as geography educators and geographers we believe that the next century and generations will face serious environmental and spatial problems. Thus we invite people in geography and all related fields to submit papers, posters or workshops on any topics related to the theme “Powerful Geography Education, Powerful Future”.

The Language of the Congress
The Congress will have two official languages: Turkish and English. But if there are enough submissions in other languages such as Russian and Arabic, some sessions will be opened in those languages as well.

Topics/Themes of the Congress
Although there is no restriction, some of the Congress topics are below:

- Powerful Geography Education, Powerful Future: (Active teaching-learning methods / strategies and materials, Changing roles of technology (ICT, GIS etc.), Classroom education and geography education, Curriculum teaching in geography education, Distance education in geography education, Field trips, Geographical learning environments, Geography and skills education, Geography and value education, Geography curriculum in high schools, Geography education in special education (deaf,
gifted, mental etc.), Geography education programs in undergraduate and graduate education, Geography textbooks in primary, secondary and high schools, GIS education and training, Learning-teaching methods in primary, secondary and high schools, Life science and geography education in primary school, National and international examinations (iGeo etc.), Natural activities in early childhood and preschool education, Pre-service and in-service training in geography education, Assessment and evaluation, Quantitative and qualitative geography education researches, Recycling, Social studies education in secondary schools, Sustainability, Teacher education in geography for primary, secondary, high school and university, Teaching programs, textbooks, trainee of educators, subject-based education in different levels from preschool to post-university, Textbooks in primary, secondary, high schools, university level. Thematic areas in geography education (climate change, environmental education etc.).

- **Powerful Geography, Powerful Future:** Behavioral geography, Biogeography, Change and management of land, Climatology, Desertification, Disasters and disaster management, Ecosystems, Eco-tourism, Energy production, Energy and food management, Erosion, Environmental and sustainability issues, Environmental protection, Geographical sign registration and branding, Geography and urban planning, Geomorphology, Geo-tourism, GIsence, Globalization, Historical geography, History and philosophy of geography, Hydrography, Land use, Landscape ecology, Migration, Mountain ecosystems, National and international population movements, Natural resources, Political geography, Political organization of space, Regional and country studies, Remote sensing, Resettlement, Risk and crisis management, Settlement, Spatial / environmental sociology, Sustainability, Technogeography, Tourism, Transportation and related problems, Urban and regional studies, Urban transformation, Urbanization, Vegetation, Watershed management (rivers, lakes), Wetlands.

**Sessions / Panels / Workshops**

Although we, as the organizing committee, will categorize the papers into different sessions /panels /workshops, you can also offer to organize specific sessions, panels or workshops in any subject of geography education or geography until the deadline:

- To offer a specific **SESSION** until 20 March 2019: https://ucek2019.ogu.edu.tr/en
- To offer a specific **PANEL** until 20 July 2019: https://ucek2019.ogu.edu.tr/en
- To offer a specific **WORKSHOP** until 20 July 2019: https://ucek2019.ogu.edu.tr/en

We sincerely hope that you will join us in making the 2nd International Geography Education Congress 2019 a truly memorable experience for all participants.

**Abstract and Paper Submission**

Abstracts should be submitted only via online system at: [www.congress.gen.tr](http://www.congress.gen.tr)

**Registration Fees**

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The registration fee of presenters covers all lunches, gala dinner, tea/coffee breaks, and receptions. The registration pack will include a conference bag, certificate of participation, the Congress brochure and a USB stick with a PDF of all Congress abstracts.

Registration fee should be paid to bank accounts in this link: [https://ucek2019.ogu.edu.tr/en](https://ucek2019.ogu.edu.tr/en)
**Important Dates / Deadlines**

For presenters, panel organizers or listeners registrations ends **August 25, 2019**.

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**Publication**

- Full paper publication is optional and will be published in e-proceedings with ISBN. It will be published at: [https://ucek2019.ogu.edu.tr/en](https://ucek2019.ogu.edu.tr/en) on December 1, 2019.
- Guidelines for full papers: Please visit our website: [https://ucek2019.ogu.edu.tr/en](https://ucek2019.ogu.edu.tr/en)
- Selected papers, resulting from the presentations at the Congress on the topic of “Geography education” will be published in a thematic issue of the Review of Geography Education Online (RIGEO- [www.rigeo.org](http://www.rigeo.org)) after the Congress, according to its own review process and publication rules.

**Congress Venue / Location**

The 2nd International Geography Education Congress 2019 (ICGES 2019) will be held at ESOĞÜ Kongre ve Kültür Merkezi, Eskişehir Osmangazi University (Osmangazi University Congress and Culture Center), Eskişehir, Turkey.

**Address:** Eskişehir Osmangazi Üniversitesi, Meşelik Yerleşkesi, Kongre ve Kültür Merkezi, 26480, Odunpazarı, Eskişehir, Turkey. You can watch virtual tour of congress center at: [https://www.ogu.edu.tr/Videos/KampusSanalTur/kulturmerkezi/index.html](https://www.ogu.edu.tr/Videos/KampusSanalTur/kulturmerkezi/index.html)

**Arriving to Eskişehir, Turkey**

As Eskişehir is located just between Istanbul and Ankara transportation to Eskişehir is really easy.


- From Ankara to Eskişehir by high speed train takes 1 hour and 30 minutes,
- From Istanbul to Eskişehir by high speed train takes 2 hours and 30 minutes,
- Buses from Ankara to Eskişehir (in every 30 minutes) around 3-4 hours: [http://www.asti.com.tr/](http://www.asti.com.tr/)
- Buses from Istanbul to Eskişehir (in every 30 minutes) around 5-6 hours: [http://www.otogar-istanbul.com/](http://www.otogar-istanbul.com/)

**Accommodation in Eskişehir**

Accommodation options can be found in Congress website: [https://ucek2019.ogu.edu.tr/en](https://ucek2019.ogu.edu.tr/en)
Field Trips
The optional post-Congress excursions will include two visits. You can register for them in the registration on the first day of the Congress.

1. Phrygian Valley (06 October 2019, Hour: 08.00-16.00-20 €)
2. City Field Trip (06 October 2019, Hour: 08.00-16.00-10 €)

We look forward to seeing you in Eskişehir, Turkey on 3-5 October, 2019.
Please don't hesitate to contact us in any case via ucek2019@ogu.edu.tr
Sincerely,

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