

International Symposium on

“Refugees and Migrants: A Global Problem or an Asset”

in conjunction with AASSA General Assembly Meeting

and

the meeting of the Union of National Academies of Sciences of the Turkic World

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The Green Park Hotel

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Association of Academies and Societies of Sciences in Asia (AASSA)
&
Turkish Academy of Sciences (TUBA)

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Turkish Academy of Sciences (TUBA) is an autonomous apex body for the development and promotion of sciences in Turkey. The origins of the Academy go back to “Encümen-i Daniş” (Society of Scholars), which was founded in 1851 and known as the first Turkish science academy in the modern sense. TUBA is the single national academy in Turkey and it comprises all fields of sciences which are grouped under three categories namely a) basic and engineering sciences, b) health and life sciences, and c) social sciences and humanities. TUBA contributes to the promotion of sciences through its working groups, grants and awards, scientific reports and collaboration with sister academies in the world.

Symposium Description

The recent conflicts in the Middle East and other regions of the world have led to an enormous increase in the number of refugees, asylum seekers, displaced persons and migrants. According to United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the number of international migrants worldwide reached 244 million in 2015. According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) there were 59.5 million forcibly displaced people worldwide at the end of 2014, the highest level since World War II. Of these 19.5 million were registered refugees, 1.8 million asylum seekers and 38.2 million internally displaced persons. Syrian refugees are now the largest refugee group overtaking the Afghan refugees and, as of March 2016, Turkey has become world's biggest refugee hosting country having over 3 million refugees of Syrian and Iraqi origins and has spent about USD 9 billion on assistance to refugees. The figures clearly show that refugees and migrants pose a global problem. However, migration (voluntary or involuntary) is an age-old phenomenon and has different aspects and takes place at different levels. We may speak of cultural, economic, political, climatic, scientific etc. aspects and local, national, regional and global levels. Despite the negative impression we get via the recent conflictual cases, migration and migrants can be regarded as an asset for humanity and they have indeed made significant contributions to human societies. One can only need to remember the contribution of migrant scientists and remittances of migrant workers. In this context, AASSA and TUBA have organized this international symposium in order to discuss the issue in a comprehensive manner.

PROGRAMME

19 OCTOBER/WEDNESDAY	ARRIVALS
19.30	Dinner (at the hotel, open buffet, floor R)
20 OCTOBER/THURSDAY	INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM (Bostanci Hall, floor -2)
<u>08.00-09.00</u>	<u>Registration</u>
<u>09.00-10.00</u>	<u>Opening and photo session</u>
Welcome remarks	
	Ahmet Cevat Acar President, TÜBA
	Krishan Lal President, AASSA
	Faruk Özlü Minister for Science, Industry and Technology (Turkey)
<u>10.00-10.45</u>	<u>Keynote Address</u>
Introduction	Ahmet Nuri Yurdusev (TÜBA)
Speech	Tayfun Özçelik TÜBA Member & Bilkent University
Topic	<i>A Genetic Odyssey of Early Human Migration</i>
<u>10.45-11.50</u>	<u>Coffee/tea break</u>
<u>11.15-12.45</u>	<u>Plenary Panel I</u>
	Migration in History, Society and Law
Moderator	Jiba Raj Pokharel (Nepal Academy of Sciences)
Speakers	İbrahim Kaya (Istanbul University, Turkey) “Forced migration, international protection and the United Nations”

Finarya Legoh & Satrio Soemantri Brodjonegoro (Indonesian academy of Sciences)

“Problems and Policies for Migrants in Indonesia”

Bakht Mohammad Bakhtyar (Afghanistan Academy of Sciences)

“Migrants and Refugees Problem: Causes, Consequences and Solution”

Gulzar Karybekova (Academy of Sciences of the Kyrgyz Republic)

“Migration and Social Protection”

13.00-14.30 Lunch Break (open buffet, floor R)

14.30-16.00 Plenary Panel II

Migration and Health Issues

Moderator **Mohammad Reza Shams Ardekani** (Academy of Sciences of the IR of Iran)

Speakers **Khairul Anuar Bin Abdullah & Saad Musbah Naji Alasil** (Malaysian Academy of Sciences)

“Globalization and Trans-boundary infection: The Migrant factor”

Jong-Yil Chai (Korean Academy of Science and Technology),

“Tropical Diseases and International Health”

Zabta Khan Shinwari (Pakistan Academy of Sciences)

“Migration and Health Issues”

16.00-16.30 Coffee/tea break

16.30-18.00 Plenary Panel III

Syrian Refugees and the Middle East

Moderator **Meliha Altunışık** (TÜBA)

Speakers **Murat Erdoğan** (Hacettepe University, Turkey)
"Syrian Refugees in Turkey: Social Acceptance and Integration"

Mays Abdel Aziz & Dorsey Lockhart (Royal Scientific society of Jordan)
“Forging New Strategies in Protracted Refugee Crises: Syrian Refugees and the Host State Economy, Jordan Case Study”

Başak Yavcan (TOBB Economics and Technology University)
“Inter-group contact and Prejudice: Evidence from Syrian Refugee and Turkish Youth Population”

Moneef R. Zou’bi (Islamic World Academy of Sciences)

“A Turbulent Middle East’s Take on Development and the SDGs: Implications for Migration”

19.30-21.00 Symposium dinner (at Café-Bistro, floor L)

21 OCTOBER 2016/FRIDAY AASSA INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM (continued)

09:00-10:30 Plenary Panel IV

Migration and Refugee Policies in Turkey and Europe

Moderator **Fabian Dayrit** (National Academy of Sciences and Technology, Philippines)

Speakers **Orozonova Azyk Abdykasymovna** (Academy of Sciences of the Kyrgyz Republic)
“The problem of forced migration from Central Asia to Russia”

Reyhan Atasü Topçuoğlu (Hacettepe University, Turkey)
“The fight against human trafficking as an example of the social construction of migration policies”

Gülay Uğur Göksel (Istanbul Aydın University, Turkey)
“Migration Policies in EU and Turkey: Integration or Harmonization”

Ayselin Yıldız (Yaşar University, Turkey)
“Policy and Politics of European Migration Crisis: Insights from a Field Research in Izmir”

10.30-11.00 Coffee/tea break

Parallel Event 1 AASSA International symposium (Continued)

11.00-12.30 Meeting of working groups (break up into 2 groups)
Group 1: Issues and problems of the migrants and refugees (Taksim Room)
Group 2: Migration in human history and society: Pros and cons (Merter Room)

12.30-14.00 Lunch Break

14.00-16.00 Presentation of WG reports and discussion (Bostanci Hall)

Parallel Event 2 AASSA Executive Board meeting and General Assembly meeting

11.00-12.30	Executive Board Meeting (1), (Masukiye Room)
12.30-14.00	Lunch Break
14.00-16.00	Executive Board Meeting (2) (Masukiye Room)
16.00-18.30	General Assembly (Bostanci Hall)
18.30-19.00	Conclusion and appreciation by Ahmet Cevat Acar to Krishan Lal Woon Hoon Park Namık Aras Shamsher Ali

Parallel Event 3 Meeting of the Union of National Academies of Sciences of the Turkic World

11.00-12.30	Scientific symposium (Bostanci Hall) <i>Academic Cooperation in the Turkic World</i> (Upon the occasion of the 90th anniversary of the Baku Turcology Congress)
12.30-14.00	Lunch Break (open buffet, Floor R)
14.00-16.00	General Assembly (Taksim Room)
19.30	Dinner (at the hotel, open buffet, Floor R))

22 October 2016, Saturday

Field trip & departures (visit to Rumi tomb and other historical sites in Konya)

23 October 2016, Sunday

Field trip & departures (to Cappadocia)

24 October 2016, Monday

Departures