

**14th Congress of Regional Committee on Mediterranean Neogene Stratigraphy,  
Istanbul, Turkey from 8th to 12th of September, 2013.**

The RCMNS congresses have been held every four or five years since 1959 when the first congress was hosted in Vienna, Austria. In 2013, the 14<sup>th</sup> congress will be held in Istanbul for the first time.

The Congress in Istanbul will provide an ideal platform for researchers, scientists and academicians from all continents and regions to share their ideas and thoughts on the various topics addressed during the congress.

The main theme of the congress will be “Neogene to Quaternary Geological Evolution of Mediterranean, Paratethys and Black Sea”.

The congress will address the following specific topics:

- Neogene Tectonics and sedimentary evolution of peri-Mediterranean areas
- Geological evolution of the Sea of Marmara
- Mediterranean-Atlantic exchange: causes and consequences
- Mediterranean-Paratethys gateways and connections during the Neogene
- Response of Paratethys to the Messinian Salinity Crisis
- Mediterranean-Black Sea connections during Quaternary
- Towards new understanding of Late Miocene Messinian Salinity Crisis
- Advances in Mediterranean Paleoceanography
- Recent Developments in Mediterranean Paleoclimatology
- Neogene Mammalian successions and dispersals
- Hominid evolution and climate
- Quaternary researches: geomorphology, environment and geoarcheology

There will also be a choice of mid-congress excursion to W and NW of Istanbul to visit some Neogene localities or cultural city tours on 10 September and a post-congress field excursion during 13th - 15th September 2013 around the Sea of Marmara involving visits to some key Neogene and Quaternary stratigraphic sections and some archeological sites. Besides the scientific program, participants will have a chance to visit Istanbul with its multi-cultural and scientific heritage.

All abstracts will be reviewed by the related session conveners. Abstracts submitted to the Congress will be published in the Abstracts Book that will be distributed to participants during the congress.

Guidelines for preparation and submission of abstracts is available on the Congress website. Authors are requested to submit their abstracts online after registration.

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Looking forward to welcoming you in Istanbul.