

## **Countdown to MCDM 2019**

There is less than two months to go! You are all welcome to the 25th International Conference on Multiple Criteria Decision Making (**MCDM 2019**) that will take place at Istanbul Technical University, Istanbul, Turkey from June 16<sup>th</sup> to June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

You can find all the details at the official web site of the conference: <https://www.MCDM2019.org>. The organizers invite you to bookmark this page, and check it regularly for news, updates, and recent developments. You may also follow the meeting on Twitter (twitter.com/mcdm2019) and on Instagram (www.instagram.com/mcdm2019)

The submission and review processes are finished and abstract status notifications have been sent out to the authors. There were 290 submissions.

The AHP/ANP community will be well represented at the conference with:

- one plenary speech “Voting with Intensity of Preferences” by Luis Vargas (The University of Pittsburgh)
- a tutorial by Orrin Cooper (The University of Memphis)
- several presentations for AHP/ANP theory and applications

There is a big AHP/ANP community in Turkey. AHP/ANP researchers as well as practitioners will have a great opportunity to discuss a variety of topics whether on theory or applications, including extensions and applications of AHP/ANP.

Besides the speech by Dr. Vargas, there will be three more plenary speeches from distinguished speakers:

- “Quantitative models for decision-support in healthcare applications” by Pinar Keskinocak (Georgia Tech)
- “Multi-Objective Combinatorial Optimization – Beyond the Bi-objective Case” by Kathrin Klamroth (University of Wuppertal)
- “New Results for Solving Imperfect-Information Games” by Tuomas Sandholm (Carnegie Mellon University)



Sabancı Muzesi

The “Outing on Wednesday” will be at Sakıp Sabancı Museum and Emirgan Park, followed by a dinner cruise on the Bosphorus.

- Sabancı University's Sakıp Sabancı Museum, a private fine arts museum, is located at one of Istanbul's oldest settlements on the Bosphorus.
- Emirgan Park, the tulip's homeland, is one of the biggest parks in Istanbul. It is said to be the most beautiful park in Istanbul.
- A boat ride on the Bosphorus gives a splendid panorama, and provides a unique experience to see many beautiful sites including palaces, monuments, and mansions accompanied by trees and flowers along the European and Asian sides of the Bosphorus.



Dolmabahçe Palace



Emirgan Korusu

The social program also includes a welcome reception (Sunday evening) and a conference banquet (Thursday night)

You are all most welcome to **MCDM2019**, the 25<sup>th</sup> organization of MCDM conferences.  
*İstanbul'da görüşmek üzere! (See you in Istanbul!)*

Sincerely,

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