

WELCOME LETTER

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Earthquake Engineering Association of Turkey (EEAT) as the main organizer and the Dokuz Eylül University as the local host, it is our great honor to invite you to the 8th International Conference on Earthquake Engineering and Seismology (8ICEES) held during 17-20 May 2026 at Pine Bay Hotel Convention Center, Kuşadası, Aydın, Türkiye. Additionally, the Turkish Association for Seismic Isolation will also organize a one-day workshop during the conference.

Turkey has been subjected to devastating earthquakes in the past, and public awareness in the country has risen significantly after the 1999 Kocaeli and 2023 Kahramanmaraş earthquakes. The public and private sectors took immediate action in response to the earthquakes. Since then, several earthquake awareness programs have been initiated, and risk reduction methodologies have been implemented for all types of structures. In addition to structures, implementing proper structural or non-structural risk mitigation tools for critical infrastructure is also required for safety purposes and to reduce the insurance premiums for these facilities. Thus, this conference aims not only to bring together scientists, professionals, governmental officials, and NGOs working in the field of earthquake engineering and seismology but also to discuss the current problems in earthquake engineering. It will provide a unique opportunity for exchanging ideas and help create contacts among scientists for future bilateral and multi-lateral scientific cooperation nationally and internationally.

We look forward to your participation and support of this conference, which will be held in Kuşadası, Aydın, Türkiye; one of the most attractive, religious, and touristic places in the world, with numerous natural and historical sites to visit in the turquoise blue Aegean region. We kindly ask that you visit the conference website at iceesturkey.org for detailed information.

Best Regards,



Head of 8ICEES Organizing Committee

Elcin GOK



President of EEAT

Mustafa K. KOCKAR

FACTS

Dates	17-20 May 2026	Official Language	English
Venue	Pine Bay Hotel Convention Center	Expected Participants	300+
Location	Kuşadası, Aydın, Türkiye	Expected Exhibitors	20+

IMPORTANT DATES



CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

Time	Program
17.05.2026	
09:00-17:00	Registration
17:00-18:00	Icebreaker
18.05.2026	
09:00-18:30	Opening Ceremony, Technical Programme, ASSISi Workshop
19.05.2026	
09:00-18:30	Technical Programme
20.05.2026	
09:00-12:30	Technical Programme, Closing Ceremony

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TOPICS

- Physics of Earthquakes and Seismic Sources
- Earth Dynamics and Tectonics
- Seismology and Seismotectonic
- Seismic Networks
- Engineering Seismology and Strong Ground Motion
- Paleoseismology
- Artificial Intelligence in Seismology and Earthquake Engineering
- Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering
- Site Characterization, Site Effects, and Microzonation Studies
- Tsunami: Hazard/Risk Assessment and Early Warning
- Seismic Analysis and Design of Structures
- Seismic Evaluation and Rehabilitation of Structures
- Performance-Based Design and Analysis of Structures
- Seismic Safety of Historical Structures
- Seismic Design Codes
- Seismic Testing Procedures
- Infrastructure
- Structural Health Monitoring
- Seismic Performance of Nonstructural Components
- Seismic Resilience
- Disaster Management and Risk Mitigation
- Lessons Learned from Recent Earthquakes
- Economic and Social Impacts of Earthquakes
- Urban Planning in Earthquake-Prone Regions
- Earthquakes and Architecture

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

As the Organizing Committee of the 8ICEES, we would like to announce
The abstract submission has started. The important dates for the abstract submissions are;

Abstract Submission Deadline: November 15, 2025

Notification of the Authors: March 15, 2026

The abstract submission process is explained on the conference website.

iceesturkey.org

Registration and Accommodation

Registration fees include;

- Full access to the conference halls and exhibitions (attending the technical sessions),
- Delegate Materials
- Certificate of Attendance (digital),
- Shuttle service on 17 May and 20 May.

Registration Fees

Registration	Early-Bird Registration (Before 28 November 2025)	Mid-term Registration (28 November 2025- 30 April)	Late Registration (After 30 April)
Regular	250 €	350 €	450 €
Young Geoscientist and Student *	150 €	150 €	200 €

* For early-career researchers under 35, including graduate students, PhD students, and postdoctoral researchers.

Accommodation Fees

Accommodation (3-night stay)	Single Room	Double Room Per Person
Delegate	450 €	270 €

Accommodation fees include;

- 3-night accommodation in an all-inclusive hotel (all drinks and all meals from the complimentary open buffet, coffee breaks)

**Please register for the conference at your earliest convenience since we have limited places at the venue hotel.

**EEAT Members Discount

Members of the Earthquake Engineering Association of Türkiye (EEAT) are entitled to a special discounted rate.

Please contact us at info@iceesturkey.org with proof of EEAT membership to receive your discount code.

VENUE



The 8th International Conference on Earthquake Engineering and Seismology (8ICEES) will be held at Pine Bay Holiday Resort & Convention Center, located in Kuşadası, Aydın, Türkiye.

Situated on the stunning Aegean coastline, Pine Bay offers a unique combination of modern conference facilities and the natural beauty of the region. Beyond its conference facilities, Pine Bay is also a 5-star resort hotel with full-board accommodation options, diverse restaurants, and wellness amenities. Its location is just a short drive from the ancient city of Ephesus, the House of the Virgin Mary, and other cultural and historical attractions.

Easily accessible from Izmir Adnan Menderes International Airport (ADB), Pine Bay Hotel provides shuttle services, making it a convenient venue for both national and international participants.

► ABOUT KUŞADASI, AYDIN

Kuşadası, located on the western coast of Türkiye in the Aydın province, is one of the most popular resort towns on the Aegean Sea. Known for its turquoise waters, sandy beaches, and vibrant atmosphere, Kuşadası is also a gateway to some of the most significant historical and cultural sites in the region.



Ephesus Ancient City

Just 20 minutes away, Ephesus is one of the best-preserved ancient cities of the Roman Empire and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



House of the Virgin Mary

A sacred site visited by millions, believed to be the final residence of the Virgin Mary.



Pigeon Island (Kuşadası Castle)

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Dilek Peninsula-Büyük Menderes Delta National Park

A sacred site visited by millions, believed to be the final residence of the Virgin Mary.

Thanks to its **proximity to İzmir Adnan Menderes International Airport**, Kuşadası is easily accessible for international travelers. Combining world-class tourism facilities with cultural and historical richness, Kuşadası and the Aydın region promise participants not only a productive scientific conference but also an unforgettable cultural experience.



Kuşadası 17-20 May, 2026

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