

Ankara 2027

# 9<sup>th</sup> ISDCG

9<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on  
Deformation Characteristics of Geomaterials

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Symposium Dates: September 14-17, 2027

METU Culture and Convention Center, Ankara, Türkiye

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# WELCOME LETTER

Dear Colleagues,

It is our great pleasure to invite you to the **9<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Deformation Characteristics of Geomaterials (IS-Ankara)**, which will be held on **14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> of September, 2027** at the **Middle East Technical University (METU) Culture and Convention Center, Ankara, Türkiye.**

Following the success of previous symposium editions, this meeting will bring together researchers, engineers, and industry experts from around the world to exchange the latest scientific knowledge, share innovative solutions, and discuss future challenges in laboratory testing of geomaterials.

With more than 200 participants expected, IS-Ankara will provide an inspiring environment for fruitful discussions, networking opportunities, and international collaborations.

We look forward to welcoming you to Ankara, Türkiye, and to METU, a leading institution with a strong tradition of excellence in engineering and geosciences. We hope you find the information on this website helpful in your travel, but don't hesitate to contact us by email if necessary.

On behalf of the Organising Committee

**N. Kartal Toker**

IS-Ankara Chairperson

## IMPORTANT DATES



## PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Time	Program
	<b>14 September 2027</b>
09:00-17:00	Workshops
	<b>15 September 2027</b>
09:00-17:00	Opening Ceremony, Technical Programme
18:00	Icebreaker
	<b>16 September 2027</b>
09:00-17:00	Technical Programme
20:00	Gala Dinner
	<b>17 September 2027</b>
09:00-17:00	Technical Programme
17:00-17:30	Closing Ceremony

# COMMITTEES

## Organizing Committee

Name SURNAME	Institution
N. Kartal TOKER	Middle East Technical University
Abdullah EKİNCİ	Middle East Technical University
Özer ÇİNİCİOĞLU	Boğaziçi University
Sabriye Banu İKİZLER	Karadeniz Technical University
Hande Işık ÖZTÜRK	Middle East Technical University



# THEMES

Themes of the symposium as follows;

## TESTING

- Equipment development
- Procedure improvement
- Advances in sensors and data acquisition
- Computer automation and feedback algorithms
- Non-invasive measurements and imaging
- Laboratory vs. field properties
- Sampling quality/disturbance
- Repeatability, reproducibility, cross-lab testing

## BEHAVIOR

- Model-scale and large-scale testing
- Particle-scale testing and micro-mechanics
- Cyclic and Dynamic testing
- Small strain testing
- Unsaturated soil testing
- Time-dependant processes
- Thermo- and hydro-mechanically coupled behavior

## MATERIALS

- Anisotropy, localization, fracture propagation
- Rock mechanics tests
- Geogrid/geotextile/geofoam/reinforced soil tests
- Testing of soils after improvement
- Transportation geotechnics

# REGISTRATION

## Registration Fees

Registration Category	Early-Bird Registration (Until March 31, 2027)	Late Registration (Until September 1, 2027)	On-Site Registration (After September 1, 2027)
Regular	400 €	500 €	600 €
Student	200 €	250 €	300 €

## Registration fees include;

- Full access to the symposium halls and exhibition
- Delegate Materials
- Certificate of Attendance

## THE VENUE



### **METU Culture & Convention Center**

The METU Culture & Convention Center has a spatial and technical infrastructure that will enable all kinds of national and international congresses, seminars, meetings, conferences and cultural events to be organized. There are nine halls, two foyers and an exhibition hall in the center. The Cultural and Convention Center, which can provide all the functions in itself without the need for outsourcing, also benefits from the wide range of possibilities of the METU campus.

### **Why METU Culture & Convention Center?**

Located on a campus that is away from the rush of the city, METU Culture & Convention Center has a perfect natural environment and all sorts of social and sportive possibilities. This venue is a center that contains all the innovations of technology, architecture and infrastructure. It has all the ancillary services in the same structure.

## LOCATION

### **Ankara at a Glance**

Ankara, the vibrant capital and second-largest city of Turkey, offers a highly accessible and strategic meeting point in the heart of Anatolia. Steeped in a rich tapestry of history, the city has been home to countless ancient civilizations, from the Galatians and Romans to the Byzantine and Ottoman empires. The historical center, beautifully crowned by the majestic ruins of Ankara Castle, invites visitors to step back in time and explore well-preserved architectural marvels. This deep-rooted heritage provides a captivating and inspiring atmosphere for international delegates, seamlessly blending historical grandeur with the dynamic energy of a modern metropolis.



Beyond its historical allure, Ankara is a thriving commercial hub situated at the very center of Turkey's transportation networks, making travel convenient for global attendees. Recognized among the world's top 100 science and technology clusters and home to numerous prestigious universities, the city provides an ideal academic and innovative backdrop for a professional congress. Visitors are often surprised by the city's lush landscape; as a dedicated "green city," it offers expansive parks and ample natural spaces amidst the Anatolian steppe. From discovering the origins of the world-famous Angora wool to tasting unique regional delicacies like local honey, pears, and Muscat grapes, the capital promises an unforgettable cultural and touristic experience.



## **METU**

Middle East Technical University (METU) is one of Turkey's most prestigious and highly competitive international research universities, consistently attracting the nation's top-tier academic talent. Recognized as a leading institution in the region, METU holds the top position among Turkish universities in eight out of nine evaluated fields in the Times Higher Education (THE) 2025 Subject Rankings, boasting remarkable global standing in areas such as Education, Social Sciences, and Engineering. Hosting over 25,000 students—including more than 1,900 international students from 93 countries—the university fosters a deeply global academic environment. Its extensive network of international collaborations, prominent research initiatives, and esteemed faculty provide an intellectually vibrant and innovative setting that perfectly aligns with the vision of our congress.

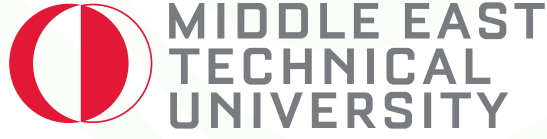
Beyond its academic excellence, METU offers an inspiring and expansive campus environment that seamlessly blends nature with modern academic life. Spread across 4,500 hectares, the campus is defined by a magnificent 3,000-hectare forest that encompasses the beautiful Lake Eymir, offering a serene natural escape just outside the city center. The vibrant campus is supported by state-of-the-art amenities, extensive sports complexes, and the prominent Culture and Convention Center, which serves as a central hub for a wide array of academic, cultural, and artistic events. This unique combination of a pristine natural landscape and world-class infrastructure ensures a memorable and highly productive experience for all congress delegates.



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