

**INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON EARTH SYSTEM SCIENCES
(ISESS) 2004, ISTANBUL-TURKEY**



***The University of Istanbul, host of ISESS 2004
View of the entrance from Bayezid Square***

ISESS was held in Istanbul (Turkey) in September 8-10, at Istanbul University, as a tribute to the memory of the late Professor *Sirry ERINC*, an outstanding personality in his field of work.

The symposium included several sections, each with several sessions: I. Sedimentary Processes in Continental Margins; II. Surface Processes; III. Biodiversity and Ecosystem Stability; IV. Human Settlements and Environmental Change; V. Geoarcheology; VI. Physical, Chemical and Biological Processes in Regional Seas; VII. Paleooceanography of Black and Marmara Seas; VIII. Neo-And Active Tectonics and Seismicity; IX. Engineering and Environmental Geology; X. Current Topics in Earth Sciences; XI. Remote Sensing and Geoinformatics in 21st Century; XII. Environmental Monitoring Forecasting and Management.

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One can point out the large spectrum of topics debated by a large number of university and researchers from various countries as: Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Iran, Japan, Latvia, Poland, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Spain, United Kingdom, United States and last, but not least, the host representatives from Turkey.

The Babeş-Bolyai University from Cluj-Napoca participated through a delegation including two geologists, Prof. Vlad Codrea and Senior Lecturer Ovidiu Barbu, alongside the geologist engineers Dumitru Roşu and Gabriel Leah from S.N.G.N.ROMGAZ Mediaş S.A., the society providing a sponsorship for this participation.

Beside the oral presentations, the poster session including more than 55 contributions was of a peculiar interest due to the diversity of topics and the attractive presentations.

The symposium is an evidence for the new tendencies in Earth Sciences: it is obviously clear that we have to deal in the last years with an emphatic stream directed into the applied studies concerned mainly to the environment management, monitoring and protection. For this kind of results a work of multidisciplinary researcher teams have to cooperate, and ISESS offered a large number of such examples, mainly in the field of marine geology, biostratigraphy, sedimentology, morphologic evolution etc.

Finally, we have to mention the effort of the organizer team and numerous sponsors: through their work and support, they provide an excellent and friendly ambience for the symposium.

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