

## IYC 2011 Activities in TURKEY

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IYC 2011 activities are planned by the lead of three organizations, Turkish Chemical Society (TCS), Turkish Chemical Manufacturers Associations' Platform (TCMAP) and Ministry of National Education (MoNE) in Turkey. These three organizations set up their own websites. Each organization is targeting different groups. TCP is targeting to initiate awareness among academia, schools and public whereas TCMAP is targeting mainly chemical industry and schools and public. MoNE is mainly focusing on students and teachers. Planned activities are publicized from their web sites.

The web sites are as follows:

<http://www.ululararasikimyayili2011.org.tr> (TCS)

<http://www.ksp-kimya2011.org> (TCMAP)

<http://ttkb.meb.gov.tr/kimyayili.aspx> (MoNE)

In addition to make it easy to follow what each organization is doing I have also set up a blog to share all activities in Turkey. The blog link is <http://iyc2011.wordpress.com>. The blog includes links to the all national and international events and summaries of some cornerstone events.

**The Cornerstones Events** declared so far:

- 1. November 2010:** A slogan competition among high schools students. The best slogans were awarded during 5<sup>th</sup> Chemical Industry Development Congress took place in Ankara on 28-29<sup>th</sup> April 2011. See the price celebration at <http://iyc2011.wordpress.com/2011/05/03/iyc-2011-slogan-yarismasinda-dereceye-girenler-belli-oldu>.
- 2. February 2011:** Launch of IYC 2011 in Turkey with a opening conference in Istanbul on 1<sup>st</sup> of February by TCS with the participation of Dr. Terry RENNERT, IUPAC Secretary General, and IYC 2011 is announced to the public by a press conference 3<sup>rd</sup> February by TCMAP.
- 3. April 2011:** A conference entitled "5<sup>th</sup> Chemical Industry Development Congress" is organized in Ankara, the capital city, with the participation of Ministry of Industry, people from industry, academia, bureaucracy and societies on 28-29 April 2011.
- 4. April-May 2011:** MoNE has organized 12 one day IYC 2011 events in 12 different cities with the participation of over 500 chemistry teacher all around Turkey to introduce IYC 2011 and new developments in chemistry and Chemistry Education. <http://ttkb.meb.gov.tr/kimyayili.aspx>.
- 5. April 2011:** Chemistry Day, April 7, has been celebrated with intensive activities including media coverage throughout the universities in Turkey.

6. **June 2011:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Undergraduate Chemistry Congress is organized by Abant İzzet Baysal University in cooperation with TCS on 14-17 June 2011. <http://www.kok2011.ibu.edu.tr>.
7. **June 2011:** 25<sup>th</sup> National Chemistry Congress is organized in cooperation with TCS and Ataturk University on 26 June-2 July 2011 in Erzurum with more than 1500 participants. <http://www.kimya2011.com>.
8. **July 2011:** 2<sup>nd</sup> National Chemistry Education Congress is organized cooperation with Ministry of National Education, TCS and Ataturk University on 5-8 July 2011 in Erzurum with more than 200 participants. <http://ukek2.atauni.edu.tr>.
9. **July 2011:** Turkey is hosting 43<sup>rd</sup> International Chemistry Olympiads under the leading organization of Middle East Technical University on July 9-18 2010 in Ankara. <http://nernst.chem.metu.edu.tr/icho2011/index.php?lang=en>.
10. **Whole year:** During 2011 all chemical plants, members of Turkish Chemical Manufacturers Associations Platform, is organizing open door meetings and factory visit for the public and students from primary to tertiary level.
11. **Whole year:** In coordination with Ministry of National Education a photography competition is organized.
12. **Whole year:** Several international and national presenters are invited to give both academic and public lecturers about chemistry and its importance in our daily life.
13. **Whole year:** A brochure, periodic table and a calendar has been prepared and distributed through fairs, meetings and schools.
14. **IYC 2011 Song:** Şişli Terakki Okulları, a private school in Istanbul, has composed a special song to IYC 2011 both in Turkish and English. It could be listed at <http://www.terakki.org.tr/tvideo>.
15. A week of chemistry is organized to condensed celebration of IYC during October 2011, last week of October which included October 23.