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ATAA President’s Message

Dear Turkish Americans, Turkic Americans, Members of Kin Communities,
and Friends of Türkiye,

This is a very special message for me, indeed. It represents not only culmination of seven months of grueling work to co-organize this world class conference with 12 other sister NGOs, certainly a first, but also the grand finale of my presidency. My two year term ends with the Assembly of Delegates to be held right after this conference when I turn the baton over to my good friend, fellow volunteer, proven community leader, and President-Elect Mehmet Celebi. So, this is as good a time as any, to do a soul searching in earnest.

Two years ago, when I took office, I stated that I wanted a vibrant community that explored enthusiastically the scope and depth of issues facing it; took courageous steps to solve them; volunteered beyond the call of duty; engaged in American democracy; gave generously to our charitable causes; and was always proud of its magnificent Turkish heritage. Rolling all into one, one could say that I had a singular goal in my mind: to transform the Turkish & Turkic American communities into one that is able to bring fairness and balance to the debate on U.S.-Turkey relations through respectable grassroots efforts, especially by youth.

How was I going to achieve this goal of bringing fresh blood to our public advocacy efforts? By rallying “Young Turks” to our cause. By recruiting the youth, I knew I could capture the energy, dynamism, and creativity of the college students while providing a perpetual source for volunteers for our community. So, I deliberately directed ATAA resources, activities, and events into America’s great colleges and universities, to the extent possible, of course, and away from homes, restaurants, hotels, and even community centers. That’s why ATAA designed field programs like TABAN (Turkish American Broad Advocacy Network), “Student Outreach”, and “Continuous Membership Drive”, while intensifying the use of social media, CapWiz, and other tools. The results of our concerted efforts so far, granted, is a mixed bag, but we know we are on the right track. This conference is the proof of that. It will be run by college students from start to finish. If these kids can organize a global conference while they are still in college, can you imagine what they are capable of achieving after they graduate?

If recruiting students was one leg of this grand plan, though, bringing all Turkish, Turkic, and American NGOs together in a brand new, expanded platform was another. This all encompassing forum would be the new vehicle for Turkish expression in the most powerful city on earth. It would be a festival of Turkish/Turkic thought, an ATAA trademark of sorts, which is why it was lovingly dubbed “Turkish/Turkic American Davos”.

... And it would be run by “Young Turks”.

That was my dream, anyway. Did I achieve it? Well, you tell me...

Warm personal regards,

Ergün Kırlikovali
President
Assembly of Turkish American Associations



Turkish President’s Message

I would like to congratulate the leaders and members of the prominent Turkish-American umbrella organizations and associations for organizing in unity and solidarity the 33rd National Leadership Conference which brings together the Turkish community living in the United States. Organizing the National Leadership Conference with broad participation including sister/relative communities is a clear manifestation of the understanding that “unity is the mother of strength”.

The relations with the United States, with whom we have a strong alliance and partnership ties, constitute one of the main pillars of our foreign policy. Relations between the two countries are moving forward on a solid foundation. Therefore, there is a convenient environment to further advance contact between our communities as well as multidimensional activities that the Turkish-American civil society organizations carry out in the United States.

Today, the developments unfolding in our region and beyond reveal anew the importance of firm and friendly relations. At this point, it should be our common goal to take the “Model Partnership” between our country and the United States to an advanced level.

I attach importance to Turkish American community’s self-sacrificing work geared towards strengthening ties of friendship between two countries. The ties that you have established with American society gives hope and confidence that future generations will reach the political, economic and social status that they deserve.

Your activities are of critical importance in terms of raising awareness about our country and our foreign policy priorities in the eyes of the US Administration, Congress and the American public. We have high expectations from you. I observe gladly that day by day you raise the standards further in that area. It is essential that you continue your work in that direction with the same perseverance in future.

The Turkish-American community can overcome all kinds of challenges if they display the necessary unity, solidarity and an exemplary cohesion within themselves. With this understanding, maintaining and increasing your joint activities in the upcoming period will also ensure that we can all look to the future with more confidence.

With these thoughts and sentiments, I congratulate those who took part in the organization of the 33rd National Leadership Conference, for their valuable work, and I wish every success for the conference.

Abdullah Gül
President of the Republic of Turkey



Turkish Prime Minister’s Message

I congratulate the Turkish associations and their umbrella institutions in the US for organizing the 33rd Leadership Conference.

Today, Turkey and the U.S. enjoy vibrant relations. The activities of Turkish-American community with its ever increasing profile and representative character in the U.S. have been very instrumental in that achievement.

As the Turkish Government, we have always considered and will continue to consider the Non-Governmental Organizations as among the main actors in the realization of our foreign policy goals in line with our national interests.

This is, at the same time, a requisite of our modern, peaceful, visionary and proactive foreign policy understanding. In this regard, witnessing the activities that you undertake with a common understanding, in unity and solidarity further strengthens our optimism for the future. I would like to particularly underline the pioneering role of Turkish community in the U.S. in this regard.

I would also like to underscore that I attach importance to the efforts of new generation Turkish-Americans to integrate themselves with American society and to play a more efficient role in both social and political life, while preserving their ties with their own culture.

With the ever increasing contributions of Turkish-American community, Turkey has a higher profile at present.

With these thoughts and sentiments, I would like to thank to those who took part in the organization of the 33rd Leadership Conference and I wish you every success for the Conference.

Recep Tayyip Erdoğan

Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey



Turkish Deputy Prime Minister’s Message

Around six million Turkish people live in various countries of the world. The Turkish American community in the United States, as a significant strength of Turkey, constitutes a solid bridge between the two countries further strengthening and deepening relations in all fields.

Turkey takes pride in the successes of its citizens, kin and relatives living abroad in science, arts, sports, culture, education, economy, trade, industry, business world, politics and many other areas. The Turkish community in the U.S. has written many success stories. The successes and presence of the Turkish community in the U.S. are a matter of honor for Turkey.

Thanks to the political stability that it achieved, the strong leadership that it established and the good management of our government, Turkey is more powerful than it was before 2003 in every area, notably in economy, education, transportation, health, justice, security, foreign policy, culture and tourism. Today, there is a Turkey, whose statements and actions are followed carefully, and whose many policies are held up as an example in its region and other parts of the world. Turkey’s growing power and influence reflect positively on the life of our citizens, kin and relatives living abroad.

In 2010 we established The Presidency of Overseas Turks and Relative Societies in order to take a close interest in our citizens, sister and relative societies, generate solutions in favor of them and ensure that the solutions are created, and make sure that the Turkish Diaspora is more organized. Moreover, we established Yunus Emre Foundation in 2007 so that the Turkish language, Turkish history, culture, civilization and arts are learned and taught right, the prejudices toward our nation and state are eradicated and instead of false information correct information is disseminated. Yunus Emre Institute within the Foundation is building Yunus Emre Turkish Culture Centers in other countries. To date, in 35 different countries Yunus Emre Turkish Culture Centers have been founded. Another one will be established soon in the United States. It will be also possible to open branches in various states here.

As civil society organizations established by our citizens abroad, who act with the fact that becoming a prosperous, respectable and influential society in political, social, cultural and economic areas requires an organized community, strengthens Turkey’s power further, especially the work of our community in the US makes us very proud. In that regard, “The National Leadership Conference” of our Turkish community in the US, which sets an example as a strong diaspora, constitutes as a praiseworthy case for other civil society organizations. I hope that this event, which I see extremely beneficial for the Turkish community living in the U.S., shall bring two friendly and allied societies closer to each other.

With this regard once again I would like to highlight this matter: Never feel yourself alone and weak. You should know that wherever there is a citizen, kin or relative of ours present; they are present therein with their all might, and shall continue to be present there forever.

I send my heartfelt love and respect, and offer my greetings to you, and on your behalf, to the invitees and attendees of your Assembly and the Turkish community in the U.S.; and wish you all success and happiness.

Bekir Bozdağ
Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey



Turkish Foreign Minister’s Message

I would like to congratulate the leaders and members of our umbrella institutions and associations in the US for organizing in unity and solidarity and with high turnout the 33rd National Leadership Conference, one of the most meaningful activities of the Turkish community in the U.S. .

At present, we are going through a very good period in our relations with the U.S. Being sustained and strengthened on a broad spectrum, the cooperation between Turkey and the U.S. maintains its importance not just bilaterally, but also from a regional and global perspective. Today, the “Model Partnership” concept, while defining the level that our bilateral relations have reached, also requires that in the future we act on the basis of a broad vision with respect to our political, economic and inter-societal contacts. At this point, significant responsibilities rest on our non-governmental organizations to take our bilateral relations to a higher level. I observe gladly that you are also acting with this understanding.

It is natural that you make efforts to provide your families and children with a secure future during your lives in the U.S. In addition to this, the fact that you are striving to meet the common needs of the Turkish-American community, to promote Turkish culture to the American people and to improve inter-societal interactions, means that you have a heavy work load. Nonetheless, the ambition and determination that I witness every time whenever I get together with you will help you overcome all the difficulties.

When the Turkish community in the U.S. acts in unity and solidarity, this will help eliminate the activities undertaken by unfriendly lobbies. I appreciate your ongoing efforts to this end and believe that you will continue to do your fair share in the future.

I hope that the 33rd National Leadership Conference would be realized successfully and wish you success in your endeavors.

Abmet Davutoğlu

Foreign Minister of the Republic of Turkey



Turkish Ambassador’s Message

Welcome to the 33rd Turkish-American National Leadership Conference and Washington, DC.

I congratulate the leaders and members of the prominent umbrella organizations of the Turkish-American community for organizing the 33rd Turkish American National Leadership Conference with a broad grassroots participation and an impressive line-up of speakers.

This conference is yet another manifestation of how far the Turkish-American community has come in the U.S. in terms of number of its members, influence and civil society identity. Today, with more than 300,000 Turkish-Americans and numerous Turkish-American organizations all around the country, I am proud to see that this community strengthens its presence each and every day while building close ties and alliances with sister communities and organizations in the United States. Your unified stance with other friendly communities will help us overcome any challenges we may face.

The “Model Partnership” between Turkey and the US is both dynamic and robust. This mutually beneficial and long-standing partnership requires a multi-dimensional interaction between two countries at all levels. We need not only the co-operation and coordination in strategic security issues or economic matters, but also people to people or people to government communication and exchange through civil society initiatives.

Within this framework, as “citizen diplomats”, your activities and visibility in American society critically contributes to every aspect of this partnership - be it economic, scientific, cultural or political. Therefore, for the further enhancement of the two countries’ relations, it is vital that the Turkish-American community work effectively with an understanding that each member in their community has a role to play for contributing to the Turkey-US friendship.

The line-up of speakers in this conference is truly impressive. Our Minister of EU Affairs and Chief Negotiator, Mr. Egemen Bagis, will join the conference to share his views with the Turkish-American society along with the valuable members of the US Congress and the Administration. In the meantime, Turkish-American scientists, community organizers, young student leaders and Turkic diaspora will showcase their contributions to American society and all of us will learn more from the experiences of the stars of Turkish American community such as Mr. Muhtar Kent, Prof. Kemal Dervis and Mr. Hidayet Turkoglu.

This diversity and high level of the speakers remind us one more time that the Turkish-American community is building a strong future in the U.S. with confident steps and developing an ability to act as a bridge between two societies. I believe that in the near future this conference will become the foremost venue for the advancement of the partnership between Turkey and the U.S. by providing an insightful platform for people to people exchange and communication.

I applaud the convening of the Turkish-American National Leadership Conference, commend its organizers and wish its members a successful event.

Namık Tan

Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to the United States



TRNC Representative's Message

As the Washington DC Representative of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, I congratulate you on the 33rd ATAA Annual Convention and Turkish American National Leadership Conference (NLC). It is both impressive and reassuring to see so many national Turkish American national membership organizations working together in solidarity.

It is also reassuring to know how much you care about the Turkish Cypriots and the island of Cyprus.

This year will be 50 years since the start of the Cyprus dispute. Indeed, half a century has passed since the destruction of the bi-communal partnership of Republic of Cyprus. The first bi-communal talks to end this dispute was held 45 years ago in 1968. During this intervening five decades the Turkish Cypriots have taken bold steps, approving two UN backed draft Framework Agreements, Set of Ideas and a comprehensive peace plan put forward by UN Secretaries General. Unfortunately, our Greek Cypriot counterparts and potential partners rejected each one of them, at the dismay of the international community.

Your new country, the United States of America, supports a peace plan based on a bi-zonal, bi-communal federation and political equality of the two peoples of the island which the Turkish Cypriots fully support and thank you for supporting as well.

Generations may come and go, but human rights do not and cannot. In the 1960's, when Greek and Greek Cypriot national extremists were massacring Turkish Cypriots and forcing them from the island, a fledgling Turkish American community managed to collect and send humanitarian aid to their Turkish Cypriot brethren and serve the best they can as the voice of Turkish Cypriots in Washington DC.

Fifty years later, Turkish Americans have become a formidable power in Washington DC thanks to the leadership and abilities of people like you and the dedication of your communities. Well-organized, informed, and skilled in advocacy, Turkish and Turkish Cypriot Americans today extend their assistance to Turkish Cypriots at every possible platform -- Capitol Hill, White House, defense community, universities, think tanks and media. It is thanks to the ceaseless efforts, imagination, creativity, work ethic and passion of Turkish American organizations that the American public and American policy makers are becoming aware of the facts and realities of Cyprus, and hearing the long silenced voices of the Turkish Cypriot people.

AAC, AFOT, ASA, ATAA, ATACC, ATC, FTAA, TABA/AmCham, TACC, TACCI, TASSA, and TCA - you have proven beyond doubt that no good challenge is too great for you.

On behalf of the Turkish Cypriots and my government, I commend you on the Turkish American National Leadership Conference and wish you success in your endeavors.

Ahmet Erdengiz

Representative

The Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus in Washington D.C.



Senator Ben Cardin's Message

Sen. Benjamin L. Cardin, Maryland
Chairman



Rep. Christopher H. Smith, New Jersey
Co-Chairman



April 16, 2013

Mr. Ergun Kirlikovali
President
Assembly of Turkish American Associations
Washington, DC

Mr. Ali Cinar
President
Federation of Turkish American Associations
New York, New York

Mr. Adem Buyukacar
Secretary General
Turkish American Community Centers and Mosques
Lanham, Maryland

Dear Sirs:

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you, leaders of America's democratically elected national Turkish American organizations, on the convening of the ATAA 33rd annual convention and the 2013 Turkish American National Leadership Conference (NLC 2013) in Washington DC, April 25-27, 2013.

Your have organized a very impressive program. I regret that I will not be able to join you for what is sure to be wide ranging and stimulating discussion about U.S. -Turkish relations and the role of Turkish Americans, particularly our youth, in further strengthening the bonds between the United States and Turkey.

I am pleased that the Helsinki Commission's Commerce Department Commissioner, Assistant Secretary Michael Camunez, and my Chief of Staff for the Commission, Fred Turner, will join you and will speak, respectively, at the convention and NLC 2013.

In February, as Chairman of the U.S. Helsinki Commission, I led a congressional delegation to Turkey where we met with President Gul and Deputy Prime Minister Babacan. We were briefed in Ankara by Ambassador Ricciardone and his team and later met with business leaders in Istanbul in a joint American Business Forum of Turkey - Turkish-American Business Council event. We also traveled to Gaziantep to meet with U.S. troops stationed at a Patriot Missile Battery there and then visited the Kilis refugee camp.

I commend the government and people of Turkey for their very generous and comprehensive response to the refugee crisis that has gripped the region due to the ongoing violence in Syria, and I will continue to urge the United States government and the international community to provide humanitarian assistance to the Syrian people.

My best wishes to you and your colleagues for a successful conference.

Benjamin L. Cardin, U.S.S.
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TOBB President's Message

As the President of the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) and the Foreign Economic Relations Board (DEIK), I would like to welcome you all to the Assembly of Turkish American Associations (ATAA) 33rd Annual Convention and 2013 Turkish American National Leadership Conference. It is a great honor to know that over 10 Turkish and Turkic-American national organizations are represented at this event.



The main goal of this annual event emphasizing solidarity among Turkish Americans is especially close to my hearth. Since 2008, we have been trying to do the same, for networks of Turkish entrepreneurs, not just in the U.S. but all around the world, through the World Turkish Business Council (DTIK). Our idea was similar, to bring Turkish entrepreneurs and successful Turkish professionals who have gained authority in decision-making processes under one big structure. It was our desire to boost the commercial and economic relations among the Turkish business community settled outside Turkey, to strengthen the Turkish diaspora further and to establish a stronger image of Turkey in the world. We've organized the last North American DTIK meeting in New York in October 2012. It was a success.

Trying to do these things from afar is difficult though. That's why it is especially important that Turks living abroad are working towards this goal from within. Your efforts to emphasize the importance of solidarity among Turkish Americans for civic empowerment, supporting U.S.-Turkish relations, and serving as a bridge between Turkey and the United States are especially important. It is important that this is being done by democratically elected Turkish-American civil society organizations.

There are two critical elements for the empowerment of any heritage community-cooperation and organization. I commend the organizers for cooperating in support of Turkish American solidarity. Dialogue among the Turks to build trust and cooperation is especially important. Unity does not mean uniformity; it means supporting one another for the common cause. Furthermore, being organized and well networked will help the Turkish Americans harness the power of solidarity.

World history has shown that small populations that are organized will dominate large populations that are not organized. It is the duty of Turkish Americans to educate and inform Americans about Turkey. At a time when Turkey is continuing to be on the agenda of the United States politically and economically, it is the duty of the Turkish Americans to make sure that Turkey is reflected in the best way. It is the duty of the Turkish Americans to lobby for the beneficial economic goals such as Turkey's inclusion in the U.S-Europe Free Trade Agreement discussions.

Continue with your great work and be assured that you have the highest level of support from Turkey's private sector towards this goal. Let this years' conference be another chance for the Turkish American community to meet, organize and act together. I wish you the best of success in these endeavors.

Sincerely,

M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu

President

*The Union of Chambers And Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB)
The Foreign Economic Relations Board (DEIK)*

Overseas Turks Agency (YTB) Chairman’s Message

I would like to sincerely congratulate the leaders and members of the Turkish American associations best representing the Turkish American community in the United States, for organizing the 33rd National Leadership Conference, which will convene the members of the Turkish-American community and the American friends of Turkey.

Every step towards the goal of advancing the Turkish American community and consolidating your bonds of unity and solidarity while maintaining your cultural identity is highly praiseworthy. We take great pride in the high-achieving members of the Turkish American community who successfully represent our nation. In this regard, I wish that this event, in which the leaders of kin and related communities in the U.S. are also actively participating, will conclude successfully and provide new opportunities for further cooperation.

As the generations come along, strengthening the ties of our children born in the United States to the homeland will ensure that the Turkish-American community will build cultural bridges between the hearts of two societies. These bridges will be fortified by the leading position of the Turkish-American society in economic, political, cultural and scientific areas in the United States.

I renew my congratulations to the Turkish-American society, who come together on the basis of their shared issues concerning the society in general and seek support from each other to find solutions to their problems and turn possibilities into opportunities; and wish them success in their future endeavors.

Kemal Yurtnaç

Chairman

Turkish Prime Ministry Overseas Turks and Relative Communities (YTB)



AFOT President's Message

On behalf of The American Friends of Turkey, Inc., I send my greetings and best wishes to all who have worked so diligently to plan what promises to be an outstanding conference for leaders in Turkish-American communities. The program for this 33rd Conference is impressive and shows the dedication of all who participated so cooperatively to make this gathering a success. My Board of Directors and I congratulate you.

Each year shows a strengthening of Turkish-American ties as our relations – both official and people-to-people -- expand in new and creative ways. Traditional cultural expressions and literature have been joined over the years by films and theater; traditional music has been joined by jazz and rock; career diplomats by young artists and musicians. Traditional economic interests are teaming with preservation efforts for our environments. Educational institutions are rapidly forging new linkages. Archeology, one of the oldest of cultural ties, has taken on new and exciting dimensions, pushing back the boundaries of history and civilizations by thousands of years

We applaud this broadening of relations, and the work to achieve this that has and is being undertaken by Turkish-American organizations. We who are the American Friends of Turkey are pleased to join with you to spread knowledge and appreciation of Turkish culture, history, and peoples throughout the United States.

Ambassador Alan W. Lukens (Ret.)

President

The American Friends of Turkey, Inc



ATC President’s Message

On behalf of Ambassador Richard Armitage, Chairman of the American-Turkish Council, the ATC Board of Directors, and our corporate members and staff, I congratulate the organizers of the 33rd ATAA Convention & Turkish American National Leadership Conference assembled in Washington. We are honored to be part of the organizing committee of the “First Turkish/Turkic Davos” and wish all who participate a successful and fruitful Conference.

The Conference will have the opportunity to hear from some of the very best Turkish and Turkish-American leaders. I am confident their words and discussions in numerous panels will inspire all to become more active advocates of the American-Turkish partnership. By starting now, we can assure that in the decade ahead will be well-prepared for a fitting celebration of the Republic of Turkey’s centennial in 2023.

The US-Turkish relationship is strong and on the move. We who support it will surely gather strength and inspiration from this Leadership Conference for the challenges that are ahead. Congratulations and let’s meet those challenges together!

Ambassador James H. Holmes (Ret.)
President
American Turkish Council



ATACC President's Message

It is my honor and pleasure to be a part of this convention. On behalf of the Ahiska Turkish American Community I would like thank everyone and each of you for organizing and participating at the 2013 Turkish American National Leadership Conference.

An event such this encourages people to lead and serve with a heart-centered, global perspective, living in recognition that sustainable and successful community begins within.

I would like end by quoting Max De Pree, former CEO of Fortune 500 company Herman Miller: *"The first responsibility of a leader is to define reality. The last is to say thank you. In between, the leader is a servant."*

Islom Shakhbandarov

President

Ahiska Turkish American Community Center



FTAA President’s Message

On behalf of the Federation of Turkish American Associations (FTAA) , it is my honor to express to you all our excitement at FTAA’s being able to be one of the co-organizers for the ATAA 33rd Annual Convention and 2013 Turkish American National Leadership Conference.

FTAA’s values which are trust, integrity, partnership and opportunity will help the Turkic Americans achieve its goals. As the famous baseball player Babe Ruth once said: “The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don’t play together, the club won’t be worth a dime.”

Federation of Turkish American Associations will continue to empower Turkic Americans to get involved in their local grassroots activities to diligently work against anti-Turkish organizations. With that said, we believe that collaborating with the sister organizations will make a better future for the Turkic American Community in the United States.

Inspired by Mustafa Kemal Atatürk’s principles, we have the opportunity to promote better understanding between Turks and Americans through social, educational, cultural, and grassroots activities.

Our Children are our most valuable asset and they are our best hope for the future. Therefore, as an oldest Turkish American umbrella organization – FTAA, will support and advocate cultural activities and events that promote and teach them our rich heritage and culture through music and art.

2013 Turkish American National Leadership Conference is very meaningful program to raise public awareness on contemporary issues facing Turkey and Turkic Americans through exchange of ideas.

We are very grateful to the convention chairman, all invited speakers, committee members, co-organizers, conference sponsors and supporters for their excellent assistance and great contributions to the success of NLC 2013. Also, our thanks go also to the media organizations who are doing an outstanding job in helping the organizing committee to communicate its message about NLC 2013 to the public and the Turkic American community through their superb convention coverage.

I wish you all a fulfilling and enjoyable Convention!

Ali Çınar

President

The Federation of Turkish American Associations



TASSA President’s Message

The 2013 Turkish American National Leadership Conference “The First Turkish American Davos” proudly showcases the power and diversity of the Turkish Diaspora. As we celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the Turkish Republic, this Convention marks a landmark event in uniting many Turkish societies and associations. Many elements of the program show how the young generation of the Turkish Diaspora can do good in a world full of tensions and conflicts. It is also very important to see that many Turkish and American leaders are part of the program showing their solidarity with the Turkish Diaspora.

The Turkish and American Scientists and Scholars Association (TASSA), which aspires to build a scientific bridge between the U.S.A. and the Turkish Republic, is proud to be one of the organizers and we thank deeply Mr. Ergun Kırlikovalı and ATAA for bringing all of us together at this convention and giving us the opportunity to be part of this historical event. Thank you and Congratulations for putting together a terrific program!

Prof. Haluk Ünal

President

The Turkish and American Scientists and Scholars Association



TCA President's Message

On behalf of the Turkish Coalition of America (TCA), I am pleased and honored to extend a warm welcome to the 2013 Turkish American National Leadership Conference (NLC 2013).

This convention is a testament to the growing bond and cooperation among Turkish and Turkic Americans living throughout the United States. NLC 2013 will bring together leaders from various communities, including our friends in the Macedonian, Bosnian, Albanian, Kosovar and Somali American communities.

By strengthening the representation of the Turkish American community and building bridges with other communities in the U.S. since 2007, TCA has whole-heartedly supported the spirit behind this conference. As such, we continue to be a proud sponsor and look forward to this year's event.

Though the Turkish American community has come a long way, there remains the challenging but rewarding task of amplifying the Turkish American voice in the nation's capital.

Since our founding, we have remained committed to this goal and have spearheaded the campaign to increase the membership of the Congressional Caucus on U.S.-Turkish Relations and Turkish Americans, which currently consists of 130 members from 40 states and 6 territories.

In addition to engaging members of Congress on issues pertaining to Turkey, TCA also invests heavily in the next generation of the Turkish American community through scholarships and congressional internships. We are proud to see many former and current scholarship and internship recipients among the panelists at this year's NLC and wish you a successful conference and a pleasant stay in Washington, DC.

G. Lincoln McCurdy
President
Turkish Coalition of America





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Azerbaijani-American Council (AAC) is the first nationwide Azerbaijani-American grassroots advocacy organization established in October 2006 in Los Angeles, California. AAC's mission has been to advance the interests of Azerbaijani- and Turkic-Americans through engagement with U.S. academia, media and public, and to support the expansion of U.S. ties with Azerbaijan and other Turkic nations.

Building on this mission, AAC has initiated the tradition of grassroots academic conferences across the U.S. universities by holding the first Azerbaijani-American scholarly forum at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) in 2006. Azerbaijani academic forums in various formats were organized by AAC in subsequent years at UC Berkeley, UC Irvine, Columbia University, George Washington University, University of Toronto, and others. Through these conferences, AAC helped strengthen Azerbaijani and Turkish student associations at various U.S. academic institutions.

AAC had also pioneered Azerbaijani-American cross-community cooperation and engagement in intercultural dialogue. Since establishment, AAC has worked closely with its sister organization, Azerbaijan Society of America (ASA), as well as with the Assembly and the Federation of Turkish-American Associations (ATAA and FTAA). In partnership with these organizations, AAC has launched the Pax Turcica Institute, so far the most successful unified Turkic-American advocacy platform.

In 2008, AAC partnered with the American Jewish Committee to organize the first Azerbaijani-Turkish-Jewish community forum "Building Bridges from the Caspian to Mediterranean", which hosted high ranking diplomats of Azerbaijan, Turkey and Israel in California. In 2009, AAC partnered Turkish, Uzbek and Jewish community groups for a similar conference in New York.

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Azerbaijan Society of America (ASA) is the oldest Azerbaijani-American grassroots organization since 1957. Established by the descendants of Azerbaijan Democratic Republic (ADR) founders and an early wave of post-World War II Azerbaijani settlers in America, ASA was the only Azerbaijani-American organization prior to the restoration of nation's independence in 1991. In 1980, the Harvard Encyclopedia of American Ethnic Groups cited ASA as the only Azerbaijani grassroots organization in the United States.

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Established in 1979, the ATAA represents over 500,000 Turkish and 300,000 Turkic Americans nationwide at the nation's capital. ATAA, based on the universal principles of secular democracy, plural society, and human rights, works to empower Turkish Americans through civic engagement education and training. ATAA works to support strong US-Turkish relations. ATAA serves as a trusted interlocutor between the United States and Turkey, holding periodic meetings with Members of Congress, the Department of State, and representing the Turkish American community at the U.S. Office of the Director of National Intelligence Heritage Council and Department of Commerce Census Bureau. ATAA activities include providing educational seminars on grassroots advocacy, civic engagement and integration into American society; hosting events on contemporary political, social and economic issues relating to US- Turkish relations, serving as a clearinghouse of information and expert opinions relating to US-Turkish relations; and supporting cultural events that enrich American diversity with Turkish culture. ATAA e-bulletins -- Community Information Services (CIS), Grassroots Information Services (GIS) and Monthly Newsletter, reach tens of thousands of readers from the United States to Turkey, from the Balkans to the Caucasus, Central Asia and the Middle East. ATAA is governed by a Board of Directors and financed by a Board of Trustees comprising Turkish Americans from diverse backgrounds from across the nation. ATAA is a tax-exempt, non-profit organization that relies on private donations, as well as private and public grants. ATAA also has an Endowment Fund which was established to secure the long-term growth and efficacy of the organization.

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Ahiska Turkish American Community Center (ATACC) is a non-profit organization established in 2010 and dedicated to helping our community through social, cultural and educational activities by equipping our members with the education and tools needed to succeed and become quality citizens of the United States of America; Encourage the identification, protection and preservation of cultural values considered to be of outstanding value to humanity. Contribute to establishment and furtherance of cross-cultural tolerance in the community. Work on attaining peace and helping bring about the long awaited cooperation of the world civilizations by working together.

Our Mission:

To preserve and promote our rich and diverse Ahiska culture and work with other individuals and/or organizations that share a common goal.

To build lasting sincere friendships by fostering interactions between the people of Ahiska origin and/or ancestry and the American community.

To preserve and promote Ahiska culture, language and customs and further endeavor to transcend our cultural values onto our younger generation.

To protect the Ahiska-American community from the damaging effects of ignorance, bigotry, fanaticism, extremism, fundamentalism and divisive deviations by highlighting their values (which are consistent with that of contemporary America).

To aid individuals of Ahiska origin and/or ancestry to be a good American Citizen, being and acting as a bulwark against radicalism, bigotry, racism and extremism.



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As one of the leading business associations in the United States, American Turkish Council (ATC) is dedicated to effectively strengthening US-Turkish relations through the promotion of commercial, defense, technology and cultural relations. Its diverse membership includes Fortune 500, US and Turkish companies, multinationals, nonprofit organizations and individuals with an interest in US-Turkish relations. Guided by member interests, ATC strives to enhance the growing ties between the US and Turkey by initiating and facilitating efforts to increase investment and trade between the two countries.

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The Federation of Turkish American Associations, Inc., a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization, was established in 1956 for the purpose of uniting and supporting the Turkish community within the United States. FTAA is the oldest Turkish American Umbrella Organizations in the United States. Since its conception, it has successfully established a vital link between the Turkish and American communities. The Federation has evolved with the changing times and has expanded in size, membership and purpose. The Federation is an umbrella organization consisting of over 55 member associations that consists of associations of different ethnic, technical, and social backgrounds .Each association serves to support its own members through various functions and events and improve the Turkish-American relationship at all levels.. The Federation operates as a conduit within the network of member organizations. The Federation also strives to provide maximum exposure of Turkish culture, music, history and overall knowledge of Turkey to the U.S. public.

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Established in 1987, The Turkish American Business Association (TABA/AmCham) is a non-profit organization and the official representative of the United States Chamber of Commerce in Turkey (TABA/AmCham). TABA/AmCham's mission is to foster and develop increased communication, coordination and investment between businesses in the United States and Turkey. Therefore, we provide our members with information on doing business in Turkey and schedule meetings with high-level executives in the Turkish business community. TABA/AmCham represents the concerns and interests of the Turkish American business community at the highest levels of government. Being a member of TABA/AmCham provides the opportunity to be a part of a powerful voice supporting continual development of the Turkish American business environment. Currently, TABA/AmCham TABA/AmCham represents nearly 300 member companies from the United States and Turkey. TABA/AmCham's members include Pfizer, Johnson & Johnson, UPS, Sarkuysan, Honeywell, Turkcell, and many more.

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The Turkish American Community Center (TACC), a non-profit organization, was founded in 2003 and is based in Greenbelt, Maryland. TACC was originally the Turkish American Islamic Foundation (TAIF) which was founded in 1993.

Our Values are:

People – to respect the contribution and dedication of our community and our members.
Culture – to share the facets of Turkish culture with society as well as our community and our members.
Religion – to practice and convey the teachings of Islam.
Communication – to encourage open and honest dialogue amongst our community and our members.
Goals – to make our vision a reality.
Teamwork – to work together in order to achieve our goals.

Our Vision is “to build a Turkish-American Cultural Center to foster the needs of the Turkish population in the Washington DC Metropolitan area”

Our Mission is “to unite the Turkish-American community within the Washington DC Metropolitan area, strengthen relations with the surrounding population, and provide a cultural home for the Turkish people.”

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Founded in New York in 2002, the Turkish American Chamber of Commerce & Industry (TACCI) is a private, not-for-profit membership organization aiming to promote and increase the bilateral trade potential and investment levels between Turkey and the United States. TACCI's diverse membership includes representatives from all segments of the business community and organizations which ranges from individual entrepreneurs to large corporations. It is this diversity that makes TACCI the preeminent Turkish-American business association dedicated to advancing the commerce and industry relations between Turkey and the United States. As the leading Turkish American independent business support and networking organization, TACCI functions to help its members improve their success, gain business expertise and introduce them to potential customers and suppliers. The Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) and Ministry of Economy of Republic of Turkey are both represented on TACCI's Board of Directors and are also the strongest supporters of the organization. TACCI has over 100 established companies and individuals in its membership body.

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Turkish American Scientists and Scholars Association (TASSA) is an independent, non-profit and non-political organization established in June 2004 in Washington, DC. TASSA's first Board was officially seated on February 18, 2005, after the announcement of the results of the elections.

TASSA's vision is to build a sustainable science bridge between the U.S.A. and the Turkish Republic. This bridge would facilitate the flow of people (scientists and scholars), knowledge, and technology and help link science and technology institutions in the two countries.

TASSA operates exclusively as a non-profit organization to achieve the following objectives:

- Contribute to the social welfare and the industrial development in the U.S.A. and the Turkish Republic through education and science.
- Promote educational and scientific cooperation between the U.S.A. and the Turkish Republic.
- Facilitate communication and interaction among Turkish scientists and scholars in all disciplines.
- Disseminate information on the scholarly work and achievements of Turkish scientists and scholars.
- Cultivate the next generation of scientists and scholars.

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The Turkish Coalition of America (TCA) was founded in 2007 as an educational, charitable organization and works to:

- Foster friendship, understanding and cooperation between the United States and Turkey
- Expand Turkish American outreach to American public and private entities
- Promote and advance the interests of the Turkish American community and Turks
- Protect the character and ensure a realistic portrayal of Turkey and Turkish Americans in the media and the arts
- Identify and recognize the achievements of Turkish Americans in academia, arts, business, education, government, public service and science.

TCA's work is undertaken by a professional team, interns and volunteers from offices in Boston, Washington, DC and Istanbul.

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Thursday, April 25, 2013

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & GRASSROOTS EMPOWERMENT

- 9:00am-9:30am **Registration**
- 9:30am-10:30am **Seminar 1 - Turkish American Political Advocacy / Fundraising**
 G. Lincoln McCurdy, *President, Turkish Coalition of America*
 Lydia Borland, *Turkish Coalition USA Political Action Committee*
- 10:30am-10:45am Coffee & Tea Break
- 10:45am-11:30am **Seminar 2 - Public Advocacy as a Life Style**
Contacting and Maintaining Communication with Public Officials, Encouraging Representatives to Join the Congressional Turkey Caucus
 JoEllen Byrnes, *Congressional Liaison, Turkish Coalition of America*
- 12:00pm-1:00pm **Luncheon**
 Fred Turner, *Chief of Staff, Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*
 H.E. Sharon Wiener, *Acting Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues and Director of the Secretary's Office of Global Women's Issue*
- 1:30pm-5:00pm **United States Congress**
Turkish American Constituency Meetings with Members of Congress

Friday, April 26, 2013

U.S. – TURKISH RELATIONS DAY

- 7:00am-5:00pm **Registration**
- 7:30am-8:45am **Secretary's Breakfast**
 Michael Camunez, *Assistant Secretary of Commerce US Department of Commerce*
- 8:45am-9:00am Conference Break
- 9:00am-10:00am **Opening Ceremony**
 US Marines Color Guard & National, US & Turkish National Anthems
- Welcoming Remarks**
 Congressman Jim Moran, *(D-VA/8th) Turkey Caucus Member*
 Letters of Commendation from State Leaders
 ATAA President Ergün Kırıkova
 H.E. Egemen Bağış, *State Minister for EU Affairs & Chief Negotiator Republic of Turkey*
- 10:00am-10:15am Coffee & Tea Break
- 10:15am-10:45am **Panel 1 - Ambassadors' Forum #1**
US-Turkish Relations in the New Century
 H.E. Namık Tan, *Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to the United States*
 H.E. Francis J. Ricciardone, *Ambassador of the United States to the Republic of Turkey*
 Moderator: ATAA Past President Gunay Evinch
- 10:45am-11:00am Coffee & Tea Break
- 11:00am-11:45am **Panel 2 - Information Technology**
"Log On or Be Gone: The Brave New World of the Internet"
 Matthew Langie, *Vice President, Strategic Marketing, Adobe Systems, Incorporated*
 Moderator: Sinan Kanatsız, *President, www.kcomm.com*

Friday, April 26, 2013

11:45am-12:15pm Conference Break

12:15pm-1:30pm **Minister's Luncheon**

H.E. Egemen Bağış, *State Minister for EU Affairs & Chief Negotiator Republic of Turkey*

1:30pm-2:00pm Conference Break

2:00pm-2:30pm **Panel 3 - Scholars & Scientists Forum**

"The Scientific Bridge Between Turkey & the US: Past, Present, Future"

- Prof. Hasan Ayaz, *Drexel University*
 - Prof. Murat Günel, *Yale University*
 - Prof. Şebnem Kalemli-Özcan, *University of Maryland*
- Moderator: Prof. Haluk Ünal, President, TASSA*

2:30pm-2:45pm Coffee & Tea Break

2:45pm-3:15pm **Panel 4 - Commerce Panel**

"US -Turkey Trade"

- Ekim Alptekin, *President, TABA/ AmCham*
 - Charles R. Johnston, *Chairman, US-Turkey Business Council*
 - Hakan Taşçı, *Exec. Director, TUSKON US*
- Moderator: Amb. James H. Holmes, President, ATC*

3:15pm-3:30pm Coffee & Tea Break

3:30pm-4:00pm **Panel 5 - Ambassadors' Forum #2**

"Regional Panorama"

- HE Gilbert Galanxhi, *Ambassador, Albania*
 - HE Elin Suleymanov, *Ambassador, Azerbaijan*
 - HE Jadranka Negodic, *Ambassador, Bosnia Herzegovina*
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 - HE Oliver Krliu, *Deputy Chief of Mission, Macedonia*
 - H.E. Dr Elmi Ahmed Duale, *UN Ambassador, Somalia*
 - HE Ahmet Erdengiz, *DC Representative, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus*
- Moderator: Suat Kınıklıoğlu, Director of STRATIM, Former Member, Turkish Parliament*

4:00pm-4:15pm Coffee & Tea Break

4:15pm-4:45pm **Panel 6 - "Crimea in the Caucasus"**

Human Rights Violations Against Azerbaijani Turks, Abiska Turks, and Crimean Tatars

- Dr. Inci A. Bowman, *"A Nation Exiled, Crimean Tatars"*
 - Dr. Javid Huseynov, *President, AAC: "Nagorno-Karabakh: Occupation, Atrocities, and Refugees"*
 - Prof. Çiğdem Balım, *Indiana University: "The Plight of Abiska Turks"*
- Moderator: Dr. Mark Meirowitz, Presidential Advisor to FTAA & ATAA*

4:45pm-6:00pm Conference Break

6:00pm-7:30pm **Reception at the Turkish Embassy**

2525 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20008 *(For registrants only)*

8:00pm-9:00pm **Turkish American Legal Professionals**

Meet and Greet Event

Saturday, April 27, 2013

"YOUNG TURKS" DAY

7:00am-5:00pm **Registration**

7:30am-8:45am **Breakfast**

"Wake up and Smell the Turkish Coffee"

Kemal Derviş, *Vice President & Director, Global Economy and Development, Brookings Institution*

9:00am-9:30am **Panel 7 - Volunteerism**

- Özlenen Kalav, *President, Turkish Philanthropy Funds*
 - JoEllen Byrnes, *Turkish Coalition of American Congressional Liaison*
 - Zeynep Güven, *Turkish Cultural Foundation*
- Moderator: Mehmet Çelebi, ATAA President-Elect*

9:30am-9:45am Coffee & Tea Break

9:45am-10:15am **Panel 8 - Turkish American Writers**

"If you can dream it, you can write it"

- Judy Light Ayyıldız, *"Forty Thorns" (Kırk Diken)*
 - Yavuz Öruç, *"Tekinci Peron" (Second Rail Platform)*
 - Engin İncl Holmstrom, *"Loveswept" (Aşk Sarhoşu)*
- Moderator: Judy Light Ayyıldız, American poet and novelist*

10:15am-10:30am Coffee & Tea Break

10:30am-11:00am **Panel 9 - Peace Corp Volunteers**

"Forever Young & Idealistic: Peace Corps Volunteers who served in Turkey."

- Michael Jewell, *Peace Corps Volunteer (1962-66), President, Arkadaslar*
 - Kenneth Hill, *Peace Corps Volunteer (1965-67)*
 - Elinor LeBaron, *Peace Corps Volunteer (1967-69)*
- Moderator: Ali San, ATAA Vice President for Northwest US*

11:00am-11:15am Coffee & Tea Break

11:15am-11:45am **Panel 10 - Turkish American Young Leaders in Literature, Film, Art and Music**

"Just Do It!"

- Nil Şişmanyazıcı Navaie, *Founder, Arts for Global Development, Inc*
- "Are you planning a career in publishing?"
- Dilek Arig, *Principal, ATA Sunday School*
- "Establishing your own heritage school"
- Mutlu Onaral, *A Turkish American Musician*
- "Are you planning a career in music?"

Moderator: İbrahim Onaral, ATAA Vice President for North Central US

11:45am-12:15pm Conference Break

12:15pm-1:30pm **Executive Luncheon**

Muhtar Kent, *Chairman of the Board & Chief Executive Officer, Coca-Cola Co.*
Introduction by Congresswoman Virginia Foxx

1:30pm-2:00pm Conference Break

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2:00pm-2:30pm **Panel 11 - Youth & Student Outreach**

"What your mom didn't tell you"

- Dr. Özlem Al Arslaner
- Prof. Murat Tas, *ATAA Vice President for Southwest US*
- Mazlum Kosma, *ATAA Vice President for Southeast US*
- Moderator: Demet Cabbar, ATAA Vice President for Capital Region*

2:30pm-2:45pm Coffee & Tea Break

2:45pm-3:15pm **Panel 12 - Why should I care?**

- Dr. Javid Huseynov, *Founder, PaxTurica*
"CapWiz: What it means for public relations"
- Ömer Ekinici, *Financial Resource Development VP, FTAA*
"Educational and Public Relations activities by the Federation in the last 15 months"

3:15pm-3:30pm Coffee & Tea Break

3:30pm-4:00pm **Panel 13 - Forever Young & Idealistic 2**

- A Ufuk Kahya, *Turkish-Dutch Congressional Fellow for Congressman Alcee Hastings; Youngest elected member of City Council in Hertogenbosch, Holland*
- Gizem Tunca, *Former President of George Washington University Turkish Students Association*
- Merjan Bubernack, *President, Georgetown University Turkish Student Association*
- Ezgi Üstündağ, *Young Leaders Group, Turkish Prime Ministry Directorate for Turks Abroad*
- Lela Ross, *George Mason University Intern, U.S. Department of State*

4:00pm-4:15pm Coffee & Tea Break

4:15pm-4:45pm **Panel 14 - Turkish and Turkic Diaspora**

- Banu Pamukçu, *Executive Director, Council of Turkish Canadians*
"A success story: Turkish-Canadian Youth Congress"
- Feridun Bek, *ATAA Vice President, Mid-Central US*
"Young Turkish Americans: The Michigan Experience"
- Dr. Mehmet Toy, *ATAA Trustee & ATAA Presidential Candidate*
"Young Turkish Americans: The New Jersey Experience"
- Moderator: Ibrahim Onaral, ATAA Vice President for North Central US*

4:45pm-6:00pm Conference Break

6:00pm-7:00pm **Reception/Cash Bar**

7:00pm-7:30pm **Registration Check In & Seating**

7:30pm-10:30pm **Awards Banquet**

7:30pm - Dinner with Turkish music of Eşref İncoğlu Music Group

8:30pm - National Anthems

8:40pm - Turkish American Youth MC welcome guests, invite speakers

- ATAA President Ergün Kırlikovalı
- Co-Hosting Presidents
- Congressman Jim Moran (D-VA/8th) Turkey Caucus Member
- Turgay Demirel, President, Turkish Basketball Federation
- Turkish NBA Player Hidayet Türkoğlu
- Presentation of Awards

9:30pm - Eşref İncoğlu Music Group

EKİM ALPTEKİN

As the President of the Turkish American Business Association (TABA/AmCham Turkey), K. Ekim Alptekin is committed to TABA's mission of boosting Trans-Atlantic trade and bolstering the commercial angle of the decades-long Turkish-American partnership. Mr. Alptekin also serves as a member of the Turkish-American Business Council's (DEİK / TAIK) Security Committee. In the diplomatic realm, Mr. Alptekin serves as the Honorary Consul to Albania, a NATO-member and long-time US ally. On the business front, he is the founder and president of EA Aerospace A.Ş., a co-partner of Eclipse Aerospace, Inc. (an Albuquerque, New Mexico-based aircraft manufacturer). Further, Mr. Alptekin serves as the Senior Vice President and is a Member of the Board of Directors of Eclipse Aerospace, Inc. Mr. Alptekin is also commercially active in the Real Estate, Defense and Entertainment industries through his companies EA İnşaat, ATH Defense and Security Solutions, and One Colony A.Ş., respectively. Ekim Alptekin was born in Ankara in 1977. In 2001, Mr. Alptekin graduated from the University of Utrecht with a degree in economics and law. After graduating, Mr. Alptekin worked for various international institutions, notably the United States House of Representatives' International Relations Committee. Mr. Alptekin speaks Turkish, English, Dutch, French and German.

DİLEK ARIG

Dilek Arig is the Associate Director of ESL/International Student Support Services at Montgomery County Community College in Blue Bell, PA, where she is responsible for developing programs and services for all ESL and international students on a two-campus college with a total of over 13,000 students. She works to accommodate to her population's needs, help acclimate them to the college environment and succeed in their educational pursuits. Her efforts include developing opportunities to connect to their own cultures, as well as to expand their horizons to make new friends and learn the customs and language of the United States. Some of her more popular and successful initiatives include the establishment of the International Friendship Program, International Student Ambassador Program, ESL Mentoring Program, International Student Transfer Fair, the International Club, and the Asia Club. Her recent hugely successful annual International Night highlighted the food, music and dances of students representing over 30 cultures. Holding a M.S. in Reading from Gwynedd Mercy College in Gwynedd, PA and a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Gazi University in Ankara, Turkey, Ms. Arig has worked in both Student Affairs as well as Academic Affairs and also has extensive experience teaching college mathematics as well as reading and the Turkish Language. She lives with her husband and two children in North Wales, PA. Ms. Arig was born in Balıkesir, Turkey and initially came to the United States

to study. To promote her Turkish roots, she established and directs, through the sponsorship of TAFSUS, the ATA School in Blue Bell, PA, an educational facility focused on the teaching of Turkish Language and culture to children with a Turkish heritage growing up in the United States.

ÖZLEM AL ARSLANER

Özlem Al Arslaner is an independent educational researcher and has been serving as a lecturer in Turkish and International graduate students' transition to U.S and their social- cultural and learning experiences. Her main research interests are focused on cultural identity and learning, social diversity and differences in teaching, participatory action research and reflective writing. She has taught English as a Second language and Academic Writing skills courses for four years at Bahçeşehir University and completed her doctorate in Instructional Leadership at American Psychological Association of Argosy University. She completed two masters, Masters in Education in Curriculum & Instruction at National Louis University, Chicago in 2004 and then Educational Leadership in Higher education in 2008. She holds a bachelor degree from English language Training Division of the Foreign Language Training Department of İstanbul University. She is fluent in French and Italian and interested in learning more foreign languages as her passion. She has been a member of ATA-DC since 2009 and serves as a board member since 2010.

HASAN AYAZ

Hasan Ayaz is an Assistant Research Professor at Drexel University, School of Biomedical Engineering, Science and Health Systems, Philadelphia, PA and a member of Drexel University Cognitive Neuroengineering and Quantitative Experimental Research (CONQUER) Collaborative. He received his BSc. in Electrical and Electronics Engineering at Boğaziçi University in İstanbul, Türkiye with high honors and MSc. and PhD degrees from Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA where he developed enabling software for functional Near Infrared Spectroscopy (fNIR) based brain monitoring instruments. Some of his technologies were licensed and now utilized in products of fNIR Devices LLC, BIOPAC Systems, Inc. and InfraScan, Inc. Dr. Ayaz's volunteer services to Turkish American community started early on in his first years as a PhD student. He has co-founded Drexel Turkish Student Association and served as its first president during the 2006-2007 academic year. He served as the student representative at the Turkish American Scientists and Scholars Association (TASSA) board between 2007-2009 and currently serving as vice-president. Also, since 2007, he has been at the board of Turkish American Friendship Society (TAFSUS) which is a non-profit organization established in 1966 to promote better understanding and friendship between the Turkish and the American communities through educational, cultural and social activities.

JUDY LIGHT AYYILDIZ

Judy Light Ayyıldız conducts writing and women's seminars in the USA and in Turkey. Internationally published, she has been a literary magazine editor, a writers' conference founder, and a musician. Her ten books include *Nothing but Time*, a cross-cultural triumph-over-trauma memoir, *Mud River* and two other volumes of poetry, the novel, *Forty Thorns* (Turkish, Kirk Diken), a children's book, and four co-written writing-critical thinking texts. Honors include Woman of Achievement-Education 2010, Va. Com. Of Arts, poetry and short story prizes, Daughters of Atatürk, Turkish Forum, Jim Wayne Miller Poetry Prize, College Bookstores Best Book Nominee, Gusto Poet Discovery Winner, Nazim Hikmet Festival Prize, Pushcart nominee, Fellow VCCA, and 2012 International Best Book Awards Winner for Literary Fiction.

EGEMEN BAĞIŞ

Egemen Bağış was first elected to Parliament in 2002 as a deputy of Istanbul. He was first appointed as Minister for EU Affairs (State Minister) and Chief Negotiator on January 2009. He was appointed as Minister for EU Affairs and Chief Negotiator in the 61st government on July 6, 2011. Until 2009, Bağış was AK Party's Vice Chairman in charge of Foreign Affairs. As the Vice Chairman, he had been a member of AK Party's Central Executive Committee, the highest executive body of the party. He directed the national and international relations of the party, as well as its local organizations, on matters regarding foreign policy. Bağış was the most influential key official of the party for diplomacy and international relations. He directed and coordinated the party's national and international network as well as local branches on foreign policy matters. He also coordinated the flow of key global developments to the party leadership.

FERİDUN BEK

Feridun Bek (39) is a Turkish-German-American, who was born in Munich/Germany. He is an executive, working for a global management consulting firm, which supports multibillion dollar companies with developing business strategies, strategic plans and their project implementations. He worked for Volkswagen Group Headquarters in Germany & America, where he wrote the first “Sales Organization Handbook,” which was distributed to over 100 countries & developed a global business management analysis concept. Until 2012, Bek was for two terms the President of TACAM (www.tacam.org) where he managed to organize over 45 advocacy and cultural events/activities and received diverse awards. Currently, he is the ATAA VP Mid-Central (www.ataa.org), the ATAA Chairman for the Trade & Commerce Committee and a board member of the World Turkish Business Council (www.dtik.org.tr). In the past 14 years he supported diverse NGO's in leadership roles, for example: as ATAA executive board

member & Treasurer, Co-chair for the ATAA National Grassroots Committee, Co-chair for the ATAA Armenian Research Committee where he worked with the ATAA leadership to create the strategic plan “Vision 2023” to deal with the Armenian issue, board member of ATA-DC (www.atadc.org). In Germany, he served for six years in the Executive Board of the German/European Atatürk Association (www.he-add.org and www.ataturk.de). He supported and organized the biggest events in Germany, such as conferences with well-known speakers, republic day balls, and educational trips, and acted as the moderator at these events and presented the Turkish Community many times in the media. He was also the PR manager a Turkish theater group and one of the founders of the Turkish-German Student Organization ITEA (www.itaeonline.de). Bek studied Business Administration of Management in Germany, UK and Turkey and has a post-degree in commercial information technology. He has a Master's degree for Management from the “Frankfurt Business School of Finance & Management” (Germany) and holds an Executive MBA degree from the “Henley Reading University” (UK).

LYDIA BORLAND

Ms. Borland has more than 25 years of public and private sector experience in international business and government relations. She has a keen understanding of how US policy can reflect the views of the business and non-profit community. She is currently Executive Director of the Caspian Group, an international consulting firm which provides consulting services to the Gephardt Group, The Livingston Group, and other companies. She has also been a Washington Representative for a military aircraft parts supply company, and a lobbyist with the Embassy of Turkey since 1989. Ms. Borland served as Washington Representative for the Turkish-U.S. Business Council (TAIK/DEIK) from 2000-2007 and Deputy Executive Director of the U.S. Azerbaijan Chamber of Commerce for several years. Ms. Borland speaks fluent Turkish as well as Spanish, Turkish, Italian, Azerbaijani, and French. She has earned a B.A. in International Affairs from George Washington University and a M.B.A. in Finance from Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

İNCİ A. BOWMAN

İnci Bowman is currently serving as President of the International Committee for Crimea, Inc., Washington, DC. A native of Istanbul, İnci received her early education in her home town and moved to the United States to pursue her college and graduate studies. She received her B.S. degree at Alfred University, New York; M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in history of science and medicine at Indiana University, Bloomington. With more than 25 years in the academic world, she retired from the University of Texas in 1997 and relocated to Washington, DC. She has been involved

in various Turkish-American activities, including the International Committee for Crimea, serving as the editor of the organization's Web site, the best online resource in English on Crimean Tatars. She is also the US representative of the Turkic World Research Foundation (Türk Dünyası Araştırmaları Vakfı) in Istanbul. İnci Bowman published numerous articles both in English and Turkish, and edited a book, *Dikenli İlişkiler: Kırmılı Bir Öğretmenin Anıları ve Şiirleri* by Fevzi Altuğ (İstanbul, 2005) and translated the same work into English, *Thornbush: Memoirs of a Crimean Tatar Nationalist and Educator Relating to the Russian Civil War and the Famine of 1921-1922* (İstanbul, 2004).

MERJAN BUBERNACK

Merjan Bubernack is currently a sophomore at Georgetown University, studying Finance and Marketing in the McDonough School of Business. With a Turkish mother and an American father, Merjan considers herself a quintessential Turkish-American. She was an active member of the Turkish-American community in her hometown of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania and continues this activism in the Washington, D.C. community. Just this past year Merjan founded and became President of the Georgetown University Turkish Student Association, bringing focus to Turkey and Turkish culture on campus.

JOELLEN BYRNES

JoEllen Byrnes is the Congressional liaison for the Turkish Coalition of America (TCA). Ms. Byrnes has over four years of experience studying a wide range of Turkey's domestic and foreign policies. She has extensive experience in education administration, program development and evaluation, project management, academic journal management, and community outreach. She served as the assistant director of the Pennsylvania Governor's School for International Studies (PGSIS) at the University of Pittsburgh from 2008-2009 after working as the program coordinator from 2006-2007. PGSIS was a leading education program for students in Pennsylvania that focused on the promotion of global awareness, cultural relations, international negotiations and communications, and civic engagement. During her tenure at PGSIS, she supervised staff development, focusing on problem-based learning and the use of simulations in education, and initiated efforts to improve the organizational management. She served as the liaison with the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Prior to joining TCA, Ms. Byrnes worked with the Collaborative for Evaluation and Assessment Capacity at the University of Pittsburgh, which provides organizations with a variety of program evolution services ranging from strategic planning, needs assessment, and evaluation planning and design, to formative and summative evaluation. Previously, she worked with a team of professors at the University of Pittsburgh who lead the Decentralized Basic Education in

Indonesia initiative sponsored by USAID. JoEllen Byrnes received her B.A. at Mercyhurst College (now Mercyhurst University) in Pennsylvania and holds a M.Ed. from the University of Pittsburgh. She is currently pursuing her doctor of philosophy degree in the Social and Comparative Analysis program (Administrative and Policy Department) at the University of Pittsburgh, focusing her research on international education in the context of international economics and security, with an emphasis on Turkey's education and labor market policies.

DEMET CABBAR

Demet Cabbar is a Financial Analyst at the World Bank Treasury. Previously, she was a Program Coordinator with the Financial and Private Sector Development Vice Presidency of the World Bank, where she organized workshops for senior level government officials and private sector executives around the globe for seven years. Born in Istanbul and raised in Tekirdağ, Ms. Cabbar moved to the US in 1996 to continue her education. Ms. Cabbar has been a Board Member of the American Turkish Association of Washington, DC since 2003 and has been serving as the President for the past year and half. As President of ATA-DC, Ms. Cabbar had an opportunity to meet and work closely with the representatives of various Turkish and non-Turkish civil society organizations and institutions. In 2008, ATAA recognized Ms. Cabbar as the President of the Component Association of the Year for her role in mobilizing and engaging the Turkish American Community in the Washington DC Metropolitan Area. Ms. Cabbar is also the co-founder of the Washington, DC Turkish Folk Dance Troupe and the Kardelen Turkish Dance Ensemble which are both active dance groups in the DC area. Ms. Cabbar holds a BS degree in Management Engineering from Istanbul Technical University. Ms. Cabbar earned a Joint MBA/MA Degree in International Affairs and International Business in 1999 and a Master of Science in Finance Degree in 2007 from the George Washington University. As the ATAA Vice President for the Capital Region, Ms. Cabbar's goal is to develop new partnerships and strengthen existing ones between ATAA and other Turkish and Non-Turkish communities, reach out to and engage younger members of the community and businesses in ATAA's activities and continue delivering large scale, large impact events and educational programs promoting and raising awareness of Turkish heritage in the U.S.

MICHAEL C. CAMUÑEZ

Michael C. Camuñez was nominated by President Barack Obama and, on September 16, 2010, unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate as the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Market Access and Compliance (MAC) within the International Trade Administration. As Assistant Secretary, Mr. Camuñez plays a critical role in supporting the President's economic recovery agenda by helping to

coordinate the Commerce Department's efforts to create American jobs through the National Export Initiative. Under Mr. Camuñez's leadership, MAC will help lead the effort to open new markets for U.S. goods and services, identify and eliminate significant market access challenges, particularly non-tariff barriers, and help to monitor and enforce U.S. trade agreements and commitments to ensure that American companies, and the workers they employ, can compete on a level playing field. In March 2011, President Obama also appointed Mr. Camuñez to serve as a Member of the U.S. Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, also known as the Helsinki Commission, to lead the Economic Dimension of the Commission's work. The Commission is an independent U.S. Government agency that contributes to the formulation of U.S. policy on the OSCE and takes part in its execution. His work will focus on promoting transparency and good governance and fighting corruption as a leading trade and investment barrier throughout the 56 country OSCE region. Prior to assuming his role at Commerce, Mr. Camuñez served in the White House from the beginning of the administration as Special Counsel to the President in the Office of the White House Counsel as well as Special Assistant to the President, advising the President and senior White House Officials on issues related to executive nominations and appointments in the domestic cabinet and independent agencies. Prior to joining the administration, Mr. Camuñez was a partner in the law firm of O'Melveny & Myers LLP, where he represented Fortune 500 companies in a range of matters involving domestic and international commercial disputes. He also advised U.S. companies doing business abroad in Latin America and Europe on corporate compliance, anti-corruption, and the risks associated with foreign investment and multinational business transactions. A graduate of Harvard College and Stanford Law School, Mr. Camuñez served as the Senior Policy Advisor for national service in the Clinton administration, where he helped establish the Corporation for National Service and its signature program, AmeriCorps. He is a member of the Pacific Council on International Policy, the West Coast affiliate of the Council on Foreign Relations and has also served on numerous boards, including as president of the Mexican American Bar Foundation in Los Angeles County, as a Los Angeles City Ethics Commissioner, and as a member of the Stanford Law School Board of Visitors. In 2010, *Poder Magazine* named Mr. Camuñez as one of the "top 75 most influential Hispanics in politics, business and the arts" in the United States.

MEHMET ÇELEBI

Mehmet Çelebi moved to the US in 1988 and received a Bachelor's degree in International Relations and Economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Mr. Çelebi is a co-founder of Arti Bir Group, a group of companies engaged in construction, manufacturing, entertainment

and fashion in Turkey and the Middle East. He pioneered several initiatives in Turkey including the first ever Turkish-Hollywood movie and TV Series, where he brought top US celebrities to Turkish television programs. The Group's live event company is one of Turkey's largest concert organizers, exclusively representing performers such as Ajda Pekkan, Tarkan and Teoman. In 2009, Mr. Çelebi co-organized "Fashionable Istanbul", Turkey's first international fashion event featuring top designers such as Roberto Cavalli, and Salvatore Ferragamo. Mr. Çelebi has co-founded and/or served on several Turkish-American organizations, including TACA-Chicago (President 2001-2005), ATAA (Midwest VP and Board Member 2001-2005). Since 2008, he has been a Member of the Dean's International Council at the University of Chicago's Harris School of Public Policy, where he is working on projects connecting the Turkish academic and business communities. He is a co-founder of the Interfaith & Global Peace Initiative and has served on the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations' Task Force (2003-2004). Mr. Çelebi also serves on the Buck Institute for Research on Aging. During his leadership positions, Mr. Çelebi worked closely and continues to work with many ethnic communities including Greek, Armenian, Jewish and Arab groups. In 2007, Mehmet joined the Hillary Clinton for President Campaign to have a Turkish voice in the Presidential elections. He was one of the top fund-raisers for the campaign and later became the Regional Co-Chair of the Finance Committee and a Hillary Clinton's delegate from Illinois-the first Turkish-American to hold that position. Mehmet is fluent in Turkish, English, Arabic and Spanish, and is married with 3 sons.

ALİ ÇINAR

1999 Graduate of Istanbul University's Economy Department, Ali Çınar came to the United States 14 years ago to further his education. While completing his master's degree program in the University of New Haven from 2000-2002, Ali also worked as a Research Assistant at the Communication Department and Center of Professional Ethics. He was the President of the International Students Association for two years at the University. Ali graduated with the "Outstanding International Student" award among 500 hundred other students in the university. During, 2004, 2005 and 2006, he attended Harvard Business School, MIT and New York University and successfully completed various executive business certificate programs. Ali Çınar is currently working at Wall Street as a Director in New York. In 2004 and 2005, he was an Honorary Guest Speaker about the world economy and business at the American Coast Guard Military Academy. He is very active in the Turkic American community and has also been a big contributor in raising campaign funds for politicians. He works on increasing the number of new members for Turkish Caucus in Congress. He has met many well-known politicians such as John McCain, Mitt Romney,

Hillary Clinton and many Members of Congress and Senate in DC. He has been given awards from various Non-Profit Organizations in the States. In 2007, led by Washington based umbrella organization, Assembly of Turkish American Associations (ATAA), Ali Çınar was honored as the "Leader of the Year" for his services and leadership role in the Turkish community. Ali has received awards from Southern New England Turkish American Association, American Society of Azerbaijan, Central Long Island Chapter Korean War Veterans Association, Istanbul University Alumni Association of USA, Turkish American Association of Northern Texas and Philadelphia Turkish American Association. Ali Çınar received an "Outstanding Turkish-American Activist" award from Forum Newspaper, the biggest local Turkish American newspaper. He was also selected "Successful Young Turkish-American" by the major web portal TurkishNY in New York. Ali Çınar has been awarded as one of the TOP 10 Most Successful Young People, by the Türkiye branch of Junior Chamber International (JCI). JCI, partner with United Nations, is a membership-based nonprofit organization of 200,000 young people ages 18 to 40 in 5,000 communities and more than 100 countries around the world. He has press credentials from NYPD, United Nations and US State Department. He writes articles at various Turkish American newspapers and online media. Ali Çınar is Public Notary in Connecticut. He is currently the president of the Federation of Turkish American Associations, chief advisor to the President of Assembly of Turkish American Associations, vice president of Azerbaijani American Council, founder president of Istanbul University Alumni Association of USA, advisor to the President of Azerbaijan Society of America, advisor to the President of Turkish American Alliance, advisor to the President of Young Turks, young professional member of the United Nations Association of USA (UNA-USA), board member of Fenerbahçe USA and member of Balkan Turks Association, NJ.

KEMAL DERViŞ

Kemal Derviş is vice president and director of the Global Economy and Development program at the Brookings Institution. Until February 2009, he was the executive head of the United Nations Development Programme. In 2001-2002, as minister of economic affairs and the Treasury of Turkey, Derviş was responsible for launching Turkey's successful recovery from a devastating financial crisis. Derviş is a member of the Board of Overseers of Sabanci University in Istanbul and contributes to the work of that university, particularly on European and Regional issues. He also chairs the International Advisory Board of Akbank. Prior to his tenure as minister of economic affairs, he had a 22-year career at the World Bank, where he became vice president for the Middle East and North Africa in 1996 and vice president for poverty reduction and economic management in 2000. At the World Bank he also

managed work on the transition of Eastern Europe after the fall of the Berlin wall, trade and financial sector policies in emerging markets and the reconstruction of Bosnia. From the end of 2002 to the summer of 2005, Derviş was a member of the Turkish Parliament representing his native city of Istanbul. During that period he was one of the two Turkish representatives to the Convention of the Future of Europe. Since then he has participated in various international and European task forces and networks such as the Global Progressive Forum, the Progressive Governance Network, the Task Force on Global Public Goods and the Commission on Growth and Development. Derviş earned his bachelor and master's degrees in economics from the London School of Economics, and his Ph.D. from Princeton University. He taught economics at Princeton and the Middle East Technical Universities before joining the World Bank. He currently co-teaches a graduate course on global economic governance as adjunct professor at Columbia University. He has published many articles in academic journals as well as current affairs publications. His book, *A Better Globalization*, was published by Brookings Press for the Center for Global Development in 2005 and focused on global economic governance issues. He has since co-authored a book on income distribution in America and edited a book on Asia and policy making for the global economy. Derviş is fluent in English, Turkish, French and German.

H.E. ELMİ AHMED DUALE

The Permanent Representative of Somalia, Elmi Ahmed Duale, presented his credentials to United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan in 2005. Prior to his current appointment, Mr. Duale (a Doctor of Medicine) worked for some 30 years at the Geneva-based World Health Organization (WHO). Joining the WHO in 1974, Mr. Duale spent his first three years as WHO Medical Officer and Team Leader for North-Western State, Nigeria. From 1977 to 1983, he held the position of WHO Team Leader, Program Coordinator for Nigeria. He also served as WHO Representative for the United Republic of Tanzania (1983-1994) and Eritrea (1994-1999). From 1999 to 2005, he held the position of Public Health Consultant in Dar es Salaam. Mr. Duale's career in public health also included numerous Government assignments, including Director General of Somalia's Ministry of Health (1963-1968). From 1973 to 1974, he served as First Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery and Vice Chancellor of the National University of Somalia in Mogadishu. From 1960 to 1962, Mr. Duale worked as a clinical physician at the DeMartino General Hospital in Mogadishu and as a medical officer at Mogadishu's Department of Health. Elected Member of Parliament and Minister of State for Foreign Affairs in 1969, Mr. Duale spent three years -- from 1970 to 1973 -- as a political detainee at the former Presidential Villa, together with all the Cabinet members of the last democratically

elected civilian Government of his country. Mr. Duale received the degree of Doctor of Medicine at the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery at the University of Rome in 1960. He also received a diploma in public health at the University of Edinburgh in 1963.

AHMET ERDENGİZ

Ahmet Erdengiz served as the Representative of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) to the United States of America from 1997 to 2002. In 2009, he became the Undersecretary of the TRNC Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He was also appointed to the Committee on Missing Persons in Cyprus as the Assistant to the Turkish Member. Later, he served as the TRNC Representative in Brussels, Belgium. As of April 2012, he is the Washington Representative of the TRNC to the United States of America.

GÜNAY EVINCH

Günay Evinch (Övünç) was born in Chicago, Illinois in 1963. Evinch serves on the ATAA (www.ataa.org) Board of Directors as Past President. Evinch was ATAA's first American-born and 14th President. He has been an ATAA volunteer since 1989, having served as a writer for *The Turkish Times* (1989-1996), Legal Counsel (1996-98), Secretary General (1998-2000), Capital Region Vice President (2004-06), President-Elect (2007-09), and President (2009-11). He completed his Juris Doctor at Washington & Lee University in Virginia (1991), EU Legal Studies at the University of Madrid (1989), and Bachelor Degrees in Economics and Public Service at the University of California, Davis (1986). He received the Lee Law Grant as well as the UC Regents Outstanding Senior Award. Between 1991-93, Evinch was a U.S. Fulbright Scholar and Japan Sasakawa Scholar in International Law, Anti-terrorism, and the Armenian case. He is a lawyer at the law firm of Saltzman & Evinch (www.TurkLaw.Net), which he established in 1994. Among its clientele, Saltzman & Evinch represents the Turkish Republic, Turkish Defense Ministry, Turkish Central Bank, Turkish Ziraat Bank and Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus in federal litigation as well as serves as General Counsel to the Turkish Embassy, Turkish Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges (TOBB), and Turkish Defense Technologies and Engineering (STM/SSM). Evinch served as a Director on the World Affairs Councils of America National Board (2009-11). Evinch has been representing the ATAA at the Heritage Council of the U.S. Office of the Director of National Intelligence since 2008.

U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN VIRGINIA FOXX

Dr. Virginia Foxx was reelected to her second term to represent North Carolina's Fifth District in the United States House of Representatives in November 2006. She is the third woman in North Carolina history to serve in the U.S. House. During her first term, Dr. Foxx established

herself as a champion of conservative values and helped lead the national movements to enforce our immigration laws and increase accountability within the Federal Government. National Journal ranked Dr. Foxx the most conservative member of the North Carolina Congressional Delegation and more conservative than 91.3 percent of all House members. She was also one of just 38 Republicans to score a 100 percent approval rating from the American Conservative Union. Dr. Foxx has established herself as a visible leader in the House of Representatives. She was also the first member of her class to introduce and pass a substantive bill in the House. Dr. Foxx serves on the House Committees on Agriculture, Government Reform, and Education and the Workforce. Prior to serving on Capitol Hill, Foxx spent ten years in the North Carolina Senate where she successfully sponsored several statewide and local bills and consistently voted against tax increases and for legislation that would make governments more efficient and less wasteful. Dr. Foxx is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she received her A.B. degree in English and M.A.C.T. in Sociology. She earned her Ed.D. in Curriculum and Teaching/Higher Education from UNC-Greensboro. Dr. Foxx began her career as a secretary and research assistant at UNC-Chapel Hill. She taught at Caldwell Community College, was a sociology instructor at Appalachian State University and held several administrative positions at ASU, including Assistant Dean of the General College. Dr. Foxx also served as Deputy Secretary for Management in the N.C. Department of Administration for Governor Jim Martin. Prior to her election to the Senate in 1994, she served as President and later a consultant at Mayland Community College from 1987-1994. Dr. Foxx has been active in civic and business affairs, serving on many state and national committees. She served on the Executive Committee of North Carolina Citizens for Business and Industry and was elected to three four-year terms on the Watauga County Board of Education. She was confirmed by the United States Senate for a Presidential appointment to the National Advisory Council for Women's Educational Programs. She also served on the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation Advisory Panel. Other current or former service on boards includes the Board of Directors of the John William Pope Center for Higher Education Policy, Board of Directors of the N.C. Center for Public Research, the UNC-Chapel Hill Board of Visitors, National Conference of State Legislatures' Blue Ribbon Advisory Panel on Child Care, Charter Member of the Mount Airy Museum of Regional History and the Foscoe-Grandfather Community Center Board. Dr. Foxx is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, the world's largest women's patriotic service organization. Her support for America's veterans and active-duty military is characterized by her introduction of the HERO Act, legislation that extends IRA benefits for troops serving in combat zones. She has also supported

ills that expand veterans' disability compensation and that significantly increased overall Veterans Affairs funding. Dr. Foxx has also voted in favor of honoring our nation's fallen by prohibiting demonstrations at military funerals held at national cemeteries. Dr. Foxx is the recipient of several state and national awards. Among those awards are the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Spirit of Enterprise Award, the Family Research Council's True Blue Award and the Alan Keith-Lucas Friend of Children Award, the highest honor granted by the North Carolina Child Care Association. She is a former Rotarian. At Mayland Community College, Dr. Foxx implemented several nationally recognized programs including a curriculum evaluation program which has been adopted by major universities. In another major success, she raised over \$1 million in private funds for an on-campus, state-of-the-art child development center built by prison inmates. At ASU she implemented a model orientation/academic advising program which is still in existence. Dr. Foxx is married to Tom Foxx. Prior to her entering Congress, the couple owned a nursery business in Watauga County. Dr. Foxx is a lay leader in her church and her hobbies are reading, gardening and being a grandparent to two.

H.E. GILBERT GALANXHI

Gilbert Galanxhi, born in Tirana, Albania, on July 28, 1962, is the current Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Albania to the United States of America. He presented his Letter of Credence to the President of the United States of America, Mr. Barack Obama, on February 23rd, 2011. Ambassador Galanxhi is a graduate of Tirana University, Faculty of History and Philology, in English Language and Literature. He graduated from the Swiss International Relations Institute of Geneva, Switzerland, in 1994; and from the Foreign Service Institute of the State Department, Washington DC, in 1995. Ambassador Galanxhi joined the Foreign Service of Albania in 1994, holding the post of the Head of Press and Information Department, and Spokesman of the Foreign Affairs Ministry. In 1997 he was posted as Charge d'Affaires a.i. in Buenos Aires, Argentina. During the Kosovo crises of 1999, he worked for the UNHCR in Tirana as the Coordinator between the Albanian Government and the International Organizations present in Albania. From 2000 to 2007, Galanxhi worked for the European Union (EU) Police Assistance Missions in Tirana, Albania, with the Training Unit, and lastly as the Chief of Cabinet. In November 2007, Galanxhi was posted in Vienna as the Albanian Ambassador to the United Nations Office in Vienna (UNOV) and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), a post which he held until his recent transfer to Washington DC in December 2010. Ambassador Galanxhi is married to Mrs. Etleva Galanxhi; and they have a daughter and a son: Xhiljola (20) and Xhesi (14).

MURAT GÜNEL

Dr. Murat Günel, Professor of Neurosurgery, assumed the position of chief of Neurovascular Surgery Program in January of 2001. Dr. Günel is a board certified neurosurgeon and is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He has special interest in treating brain aneurysms and vascular malformations with special emphasis on arterio-venous malformations and cavernous malformations. He also has expertise in occlusive vascular disorders such as carotid disease and gamma knife surgery (radiosurgery). His laboratory interests parallel his expertise in clinical neurovascular surgery and focus on gene discovery in disorders of the nervous system and its vasculature. Dr. Günel's lab completed the two largest genome wide association studies (GWAS) aimed at understanding common variants that underlie intracranial aneurysm genetic risk based on the analysis of over 20,000 subjects. In addition, he is interested in the identification of genes important in human brain development through the study of rare, consanguineous families with recessive forms of malformations of cortical development.

ZEYNEP GÜVEN

Zeynep Güven joined the TCA team full-time as a Project Manager in May 2009 after interning for two semesters while pursuing a master's degree in public policy at Georgetown. Prior to her admission to the Georgetown Public Policy Institute, Zeynep Güven was a Researcher at the Federation of American Scientists, a science policy nonprofit founded by the members of the Manhattan Project. As researcher, Zeynep wrote grants and conducted research for Strategic Security and Housing Technology projects on a wide range of topics from dirty bombs to safe, affordable and efficient building technologies. Born in Ankara, Turkey, Zeynep first came to the United States in 2000 as an undergraduate at the George Washington University. She received a BA in International Affairs and Media and Public Communication in 2004. Zeynep received her MPP degree in May 2009. Her final thesis was titled "The Effect of Immigration on Volunteer Status: Developing Social Capital in Heterogeneous Communities."

KEN HILL

Ken Hill was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Turkey from 1965-67 working in small villages in Tokat Vilayet. He later joined the staff of Peace Corps in Washington and then owned and operated a commercial marina from 1980 to 1993 when he was appointed the Country Director for Peace Corps programs first in Russia, then Bulgaria and Macedonia. Responsible for all Peace Corps programs in Europe and Asia during 1999 - 2000, he was promoted to Chief of Staff of the Peace Corps and Chief Operating Officer in 2001. He retired in 2002 and has since been active in local civic and political affairs. He was Chair of

the Board of the National Peace Corps Association from 2004-06. Today he serves on the Boards of numerous community organizations including the Friends of Turkey (Arkadaşlar) and the Bulgarian-American Society. As an election observer for the OSCE, he has traveled to Kazakhstan, Bosnia, Kyrgyzstan, Albania, Azerbaijan and Georgia. He has also served on selection panels for the Tatarstan Higher Education Fellowship, Afghanistan AMZ Undergraduate Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, Kosovo American Education Fund, and the Muskie Graduate Fellowship program. He and his wife Winnie – a former Peace Corps Volunteer in Nepal - return every few years to visit friends in Turkey.

AMBASSADOR JAMES HOLMES (RET.)

Ambassador James Holmes (Ret.) is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the American-Turkish Council, a bilateral, non-profit organization dedicated to the strengthening of U.S.-Turkish trade, investment, defense and cultural relations, and to the promotion of awareness and understanding of U.S.-Turkish issues. Ambassador Holmes was elected to the Board of Directors of the American-Turkish Council, and subsequently as President of the ATC, in April 2005. The ATC, complemented by its companion cultural organization the American Friends of Turkey, has approximately 200 corporate and individual Members in Turkey and the United States. It is the foremost organization for the promotion of commerce, cultural awareness and public-private understanding between Turkey and the United States. Ambassador Holmes is a 37-year veteran of the United States Foreign Service with overseas experience in Latvia, Turkey, Norway, New Zealand and Pakistan. He was Deputy Chief of Mission at the American Embassy in Ankara, Turkey from 1992-1995. Subsequently, he was the President's Coordinator for Assistance to Central and Eastern Europe, Ambassador to Latvia, Special Envoy for the Balkans, founder of the Department of State's Office of eDiplomacy, and the Department's Chief Knowledge Officer and Deputy Chief Information Officer. Ambassador Holmes was born in Upstate New York. He was educated at Colgate University, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, and the National Defense University. He is married to Constance Cooper Holmes. They have two married daughters, and to their great delight, five grandchildren.

ENGİN İNEL HOLMSTROM

Engin Inel Holmstrom is a graduate of the American College of Girls (now Robert College) of Istanbul Turkey and has a M.A. and Ph.D. in Sociology from Duke University. Her professional career includes teaching and research both in Turkey and the US. She is the author of over fifty professional publications covering a variety of higher education and national policy issues. She has

given many speeches, briefed President Nixon's National Science Advisory Committee, and appeared on national TV and radio. She has been active in the Turkish-American community since the early 1970s. She served on the Board of Directors of the American Turkish Association of Washington D.C. from 1974 to 1983 and as its president from 1983 to 1989. She was the editor of its publication, ATANews for 17 years. Some of the programs she helped established as president includes ATA-DC's Turkish Community School and its annual program of Teacher Workshops now being implemented by other local Turkish-American associations across the US. She has been involved with the ATAA from its beginning. She has served on its Board of Directors, Board of Trustees and as editor of its first publication ATA-USA. She has given many public presentations on Turkish-American relations, including the legacy of Atatürk, the importance of secularism and the status of women in Turkey. She has received numerous awards from ATA-DC, ATAA, and the American Friends of Turkey for her volunteer activities in the Turkish-American community. Now retired, she lives in Leesburg, VA with her husband. Loveswept is her first novel. Her current project is an adaptation to Turkey of Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen.

JAVID HUSEYNOV

Javid Huseynov is originally from Baku, Azerbaijan. He is a graduate of the University of California Irvine (UCI) with a doctorate degree in Information and Computer Science, and of the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) with Masters degrees in Information Technology and Management. Having led a number of successful grassroots initiatives since 1996, he is a co-founder general director of Azerbaijani-American Council (AAC), a first Azeri-American academic grassroots organization; Executive director of Azerbaijan Society of America (ASA), the oldest Azeri-American grassroots organization; and a co-founder of the Pax Turcica Institute (PTI), a leading Turkic-American research and advocacy organization. Since 2012, Dr. Huseynov also serves as President of the Orange County chapter of the Association of Turkish-Americans of Southern California (ATASC). Dr. Huseynov is an author of a number of articles and op-eds in various English-, Russian-, Turkish- and Azeri-language publications on topics related to Azerbaijan, Turkey, Caucasus and Caspian regions, diaspora activities in the U.S, US-Azerbaijani and US-Turkish relations. He is also a leading author of a number of scientific publications and patents in the US, Canada, China and Azerbaijan.

H.E. AKAN ISMAILI

Former telecommunications entrepreneur and CEO Akan Ismaili was credentialed as the Republic of Kosovo's second Ambassador to the United States on May 2. Immediately after the NATO bombing ended in 1999,

Mr. Ismaili co-founded Internet Project Kosovo (IPKO), a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the use of information and communications technology as a tool to foster rebuilding and development in Kosovo. IPKO has been credited with bringing the internet to Kosovo. In 2001, IPKO split into two entities: IPKOnet and IPKO Institute, and Mr. Ismaili served as the CEO of IPKOnet, a company that expanded access to broadband, mobile, fixed telephone and television in Kosovo. Over his 10 year tenure, IPKO became a modern enterprise and is now recognized as one of the fastest growing telecommunications companies in Europe and a fundamental pillar of the new economy in Kosovo. During the same time, Mr. Ismaili co-founded the American University Foundation in Kosovo, which draws support from Kosovar citizens and its diaspora to establish an American-style higher education institution in Kosovo. To date, the foundation has raised more than \$8 million dollars which it has used for numerous programs in conjunction with New York's Rochester Inst. of Technology. Prior to the war, Mr. Ismaili managed IT infrastructure for the American diplomatic office in Pristina. When the war started in Kosovo and the U.S. became involved in diplomatic negotiations, Mr. Ismaili served as a translator for U.S. diplomats. Just before the NATO bombing campaign began, Mr. Ismaili was evacuated to Vienna, where he led a team of four people tasked with translating and distributing U.S. government news articles to the Albanian-language media in the region and at refugee camps. Mr. Ismaili began University studies in Pristina in 1992. At the time, the University had only semi-legal operations after the entire Albanian language was banned in Kosovo from 1989. Mr. Ismaili studied computer science before withdrawing in 1994 to setup the first e-mail server in Pristina, which played a central role in helping the opposition organize against the old regime. Mr. Ismaili's work has been featured by The Advocacy Project, WIRED and the New York Times. In December 2007, the Economic Chamber of Kosova (ECK) named him "Manager of the Year."

MIKE JEWELL

Mike Jewell is the current President and a founding member of Arkadaslar, an organization devoted to bringing former Peace Corps Turkey volunteers together, and renewing old ties with Turkey and its people. After serving in the first group of Peace Corps teachers in Turkey, Mike spent over 45 years designing and operating programs to help individuals improve their health, housing, and economic well-being. After time at the Federal Reserve Board, the Office of Economic Opportunity, and the Office of Management and Budget, he worked 27 years at the Department of Health and Human Services where he was the lead policy analyst on homelessness and later supported federal refugee and human trafficking programs. In the non-profit sector, he led a homeless housing project producing 48 units of

affordable housing in Reston, VA., counseled people on their personal finances, and led a Washington/Baltimore homeless veterans outreach project. In retirement, he and his wife Nanci taught English to refugees, and continue providing furniture to recently housed homeless families, and distributing food to those in need in a local food pantry.

CHARLES R. JOHNSTON

Charles R. Johnston is Vice President for International Government Affairs at Citi. His portfolio includes management of Citi's relations with governments in Europe, the Middle East, Africa and Latin America. Rick Johnston joined Citi from the law firm of Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz where he served as Chairman of the International Transactions and Trade Group. He has been voted by his peers as among "The Best Lawyers in America" in the field of international trade and finance. He has served as an officer of the American Turkish Council and the American Friends of Turkey for over 20 years, and has been a founder of several other bilateral, non-profit business councils during his career. Mr. Johnston served as an attorney adviser to a Commissioner at the U.S. International Trade Commission from 1976-78. He then served as International Trade Counsel to the Finance Committee of the United States Senate, working primarily on the final negotiations, approval and implementation of the Tokyo Round of multilateral trade agreements. In 1980 he entered private practice, forming a partnership to specialize in international trade and commercial law. Mr. Johnston earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1970 and his Juris Doctorate from California Western School of Law in 1973. He received a Diploma in International Law in 1974 from Cambridge University (Fitzwilliam College), England, and was a scholarship award recipient at The Hague Academy of International Law in the Netherlands. Mr. Johnston has served as an adjunct Professorial Lecturer on international trade at the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service and at the George Washington University National Law Center. He has written extensively on the subject of international trade and investment including the three-volume set entitled "Law and Practice of United States Regulation of International Trade." He has served on the editorial advisory committee of the American Society of International Law's "International Legal Materials" and continues to serve on the Board of Advisers to the George Washington International Law Review. Mr. Johnston has three children - Kylie, Ryan and Joey. He is married to Yola Habib Johnston.

UFUK KAHYA

Ufuk Kahya is a Lantos/Humanity in Action Congressional Fellow, working as a policy advisor for Congressman Alcee L. Hastings (D-FL). He studied Public Administration and Management in The Netherlands with a minor in

International Relations in Turkey. He interned for several government agencies in The Netherlands and worked for the Dutch Consulate-General in Istanbul. He also is a freelance trainer for the United World Colleges and Dutch National Youth Council. He run successfully for City Council in 's-Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands, in 2010. He also is a member of the National Program Committee of his political party, writing the program for the National and European elections.

ÖZLENEN ESER KALAV

Özlenen Eser Kalav was born and raised in İstanbul. She graduated from Robert College of İstanbul and holds an MS in Biochemistry from Smith College and an MBA in Finance and Management from Columbia Business School. Her academic honors include being the class valedictorian at Robert College and the recipient of a Fulbright grant in 1967 to study in the United States. Mrs. Kalav's professional life started at Citibank in Athens in 1976 as Middle-East North Africa Division's financial controller, covering over twenty countries. As a Citibank executive she lived and worked in New York, Tokyo, Manila, Athens, and İstanbul. During her highly colorful career, she served as CFO for North Asia Division of the bank (which included Japan, Hong Kong, China, the Philippines, Taiwan, and Korea), as Strategic Planning Officer for Asia, Australia, Africa and the Middle East Group, and also as Director of Recruiting for Citibank's Investment Bank and Institutional Banks. Her career highlight was however as CFO and Division Chief Administrative Officer for Japan and Korea, based in Tokyo, from 1985 to 1988. During this period, she managed complex organizational restructuring of Citibank in Japan, including business refocus, productivity process improvements, work force reduction through early retirement programs and complex labor and regulatory issues arising from these changes. She was a member of Citibank Japan's Policy Committee and Asset/Liability Committee and chaired Citi-Japan's Country Human Resources Committee. As a woman senior executive in Japan, a unique phenomenon in the 1980's, she was frequently interviewed by local newspapers and magazines! Following a brief partnership in a solar energy start-up company, in charge of business development and finance, in mid 1990's, Mrs. Kalav set up her own business advising foreign investors and institutions in the highly active privatization and M&A markets in Turkey. Mrs. Kalav is a long time resident of New York City and has been actively involved in volunteer work in her community, including the Central Park Conservancy. She has served in various elected positions, as President of her residential co-op building and President of Robert College Alumni Association of America, and continues to serve as a director and officer in these organizations.

SİNAN KANATSIZ

Sinan Kanatsiz has effectively made his mark as an outstanding entrepreneur. In 1998, while studying for a master's degree at Chapman University, he followed his entrepreneurial spirit and formed his first company, KCOMM, a Public Relations and Internet marketing agency. The company quickly evolved into a full-service marketing, government affairs and event marketing firm known for its Internet expertise and results-oriented approach. In less than ten years, Sinan grew the firm to several million dollars in revenue, opening business centers in Dallas, New York, Dubai, İstanbul, Montreal, London, Argentina and Delhi. Currently, KCOMM has over 65 employees and contractors in several countries, and has developed campaigns for over 1,000 of the most prominent companies throughout the world. These include organizations ranging from innovative start-ups to New York Stock Exchange and Nasdaq listed companies such as Oracle, Sony, eBay, T-Mobile, HP and the University of Phoenix. KCOMM's dedication to strategic programs and results-oriented campaigns has earned the firm several PROTOS awards, the highest honor bestowed by Public Relations Society of America (PRSA). The effectiveness of KCOMM's strategies has become so widely-recognized that the firm's clients have now extended beyond the realm of technology to include elected officials, municipalities, state and federal government and multi-national organizations. As a consummate entrepreneur and philanthropist, Sinan takes his community responsibilities very seriously. In addition to mentoring high school and college students, he is often asked to speak about entrepreneurship and the Internet. He has held engagements at several universities, including USC, Chapman University, UCLA, Cal State Fullerton, UC Irvine and Cal Tech. Additionally, he was a keynote speaker at the Future Business Leaders of American (FBLA) National Conference in San Jose and is often called to speak on a variety of topics including Social Media, Search Engine Optimization, Email Marketing, Modernizing Government and the future of the Internet. Sinan's belief in the power of entrepreneurship and politics led him to start Generation NeXt in 2004, a network of young business and community leaders committed to making a difference by empowering others for the betterment of the next generation. Additionally, he founded the Internet Marketing Association in 2000, a group that has grown to over 750,000 professional members worldwide. His philosophy is to make the association free to join and underwrite all events with corporate sponsors. Past events have included the founders of Google, Salesforce, Yahoo, Facebook, Microsoft, St. Regis Hotel, Wahoos, Quest Software, Oakley and YouTube. Kanatsiz is currently expanding the group globally and involving technology leaders from Europe, the Middle East, China and India, creating the largest trade association in the world, which is defining standards for the Internet. Sinan holds a B.A.

in Communications, with an emphasis in Public Relations, and a Master's degree in Organizational Leadership with a certificate in Human Resources, all from Chapman University. Sinan was designated Alumnus of the Year by Chapman University in the year 2000. He was also the recipient of the Community College of California Alumnus of the Year Award in 2005. Sinan was named in the Hall of Fame for Santa Ana College in the year 2006. He has also been named as 40 under 40 and a featured Entrepreneur of the Year by OC Metro Magazine. To this day, he credits his accomplishments to his Four Pillars of Success: personal integrity; coaches and mentors; family; and education. Kanatsız, his wife, Kai and daughter Arden, reside in San Clemente, California.

MUHTAR KENT

Muhtar Kent is Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of The Coca-Cola Company, a position he has held since April 2009. Previously he was President and Chief Executive Officer and earlier, President and Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Kent joined The Coca-Cola Company in Atlanta in 1978, holding a variety of marketing and operations leadership positions over the course of his career. In 1985, he became General Manager of Coca-Cola Turkey and Central Asia. Beginning in 1989, he served as President of the Company's East Central Europe Division and Senior Vice President of Coca-Cola International, with responsibility for 23 countries. In 1995, Mr. Kent was named Managing Director of Coca-Cola Amatil-Europe, covering bottling operations in 12 countries. In 1999, he became President and CEO of the Efes Beverage Group, a diversified beverage company with Coca-Cola and beer operations across Southeast Europe, Turkey and Central Asia. Mr. Kent returned to The Coca-Cola Company in 2005 as President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company's North Asia, Eurasia and Middle East Group, an organization serving a broad and diverse region that included China, Japan and Russia. Less than a year later, he became President of Coca-Cola International, leading all of the Company's operations outside North America. Mr. Kent holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from the University of Hull in England and a Master of Science degree in Administrative Sciences from Cass Business School, City University London. Active in the global business community, Mr. Kent is Co-Chair of The Consumer Goods Forum, Chairman of the International Business Council of the World Economic Forum, a fellow of the Foreign Policy Association, a member of the Business Roundtable, a past Chairman of the U.S.-China Business Council and Chairman Emeritus of the U.S. ASEAN Business Council. He also is a member of the Eminent Persons Group for ASEAN, appointed by President Obama and former Secretary of State Clinton. He serves on the boards of 3M, Special Olympics International, Ronald McDonald House Charities, Catalyst and Emory University.

ERGÜN KIRLIKOVALI

Ergün Kırlikovalı was born in Izmir, Turkey. He attended Robert College, Istanbul, Turkey. He received his BS degree in Chemistry from Bogazici University and MS degree in Polymer Science from the University of Manchester, England. He also conducted research on polymers in Holland and Austria. He was employed as a product development and research chemist in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and New York. Currently, he is the founding president of his company which conducts research and development on new materials based on interpenetrating network polymers. He found himself in need of promoting and defending Turkish culture and heritage due to a relentless barrage of unsolicited and unjustified anti-Turkish attacks by Armenian and Greek lobbies and others in America. He had written more than 5,000 letters to the editors, news programmers, panelists, politicians, academicians, and other opinion-makers. He also appeared on TV and radio shows and participated in conferences and panels in universities and colleges in an effort to present the other side of the story and fight against discrimination and censorship fostered by a surprisingly racist and dishonest version of history persistently promoted by anti-Turkish lobbies. He has served as president of American-Turkish Association of Southern California, Public Relations Committee Chairman and later Western U.S. Regional Director for the Federation of Turkish American Associations in New York and ATAA in Washington DC. He is married, has one son, and lives in Southern California.

MAZLUM KOŞMA

Mazlum Koşma worked as an elementary school teacher in Anatolian countryside after graduating from Çorum İlköğretmen Okulu. Later on, he studied at the 19 Mayıs Gençlik ve Spor Akademisi in Ankara and graduated in 1979. He attended ODTU English Preparatory School and started his graduate studies at ODTU, and then came to USA in 1984 to complete his master's and doctorate in Sports Administration respectively at University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and Florida State University in Tallahassee, FL. He moved to Atlanta, Georgia in 1995 to work for Summer Olympic Games preparation. He lived and worked in the 1996 Summer Olympic Village, also assisting Turkish Olympic team. Since then, he has been living in Atlanta, GA and working at Georgia Tech. He has been active in the Turkish-American community; Chair of 23 Nisan Children's Day Committee, TACAGA-Board Member, By-Law Committee Member, and currently TACAGA-president. As a musician, folk dancer and a folkdance teacher, he represented Turkish culture in many international festivals in Turkey, Europe and in the US, and also conducted workshops on Turkish Folkdance and culture. He founded Turkish Folkdance Group of Atlanta in 1999 and he has been still performing with the group in festivals in Georgia and neighboring states. He has

been a member of ATAA since 2005. He has been also a member of the Georgia Council for International Visitors as a Citizen Diplomat and active in Atlanta International Community. He is married to Winnie Koşma with one daughter, Eda. Mazlum and his wife Winnie like ballroom dancing and attending daughter Eda's concerts.

ELINOR (ELLIE) LEBARON

Ellie LeBaron is a teacher by training and experience. She taught English to Speakers of Other Languages for many years –starting as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Turkey. She then taught English throughout the Middle East and in the US, primarily to adults and university students. In recent years she has been coaching Peace Corps volunteers in writing resumes and preparing for the job hunt as they prepare to return to the US. She has worked in language testing. She has a BA in English from Portland State University and an MA in Education (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) from the American University of Beirut. Ellie has started a cancer support group in Qatar, was involved in helping Qatar transform its cancer services to a world-class standard; and started international women's groups in Qatar, Mauritania, and the United Arab Emirates. She was instrumental in starting a program entitled "Americana for Children" to help teach expatriate American children aspects of US culture they often do not learn in overseas schools. The program has steadily expanded and now has programs in several countries in Europe and the Middle East. Ellie develops and maintains websites for different organizations, including Arkadaslar. She also spends her time volunteering and traveling.

G. LINCOLN MCCURDY

Mr. McCurdy is president of the Turkish Coalition of America (TCA), a 501©3 not-for-profit organization, based in Washington, DC. TCA fosters understanding of Turkish American issues through public education. (Website for TCA is www.tc-america.org) Mr. McCurdy has over 35 years of leadership and management experience in both U.S. government service and the private sector. He has extensive experience in dealing with bi-national boards; working with senior officials of the governments and military of the United States and Turkey; leading trade/investment missions and U.S. congressional delegations to Turkey; co-sponsoring activities with the State and Commerce Departments, Environmental Protection Agency, Smithsonian Institute and National Public Radio; and fundraising. He served as the senior advisor to the Turkish American Chamber of Commerce and Industry in New York in 2005 and 2006. Mr. McCurdy was the president and chief executive officer, 1998 - 2004, and executive director, 1989 - 1998, of the American-Turkish Council (ATC) in Washington, the leading business association in the United States devoted to the promotion of U.S.-Turkish commercial, defense and cultural relations. He received

ATC's Distinguished Career Award in 2005. During Mr. McCurdy's tenure, ATC's annual conference became the premier scheduled event in U.S.-Turkish relations and the largest bi-national business event in Washington, D.C. Mr. McCurdy was the co-organizer of the first U.S.-Turkish Trade/Investment Mission to the newly independent states in Central Asia and the Caucasus in Spring 1992. In May 2002, he was recognized by the American Ambassador W. Robert Pearson for "his outstanding work in enhancing commercial relations between the United States and Turkey..." He also initiated seminars focusing on other topics related to Turkey, such as study abroad programs, civil society, reduction of lead and sulfur emissions from vehicles; oil/gas pipeline issues; and environmental and sustainable development projects. Before joining ATC, Mr. McCurdy served in the American Consulate General in Istanbul as the Consul for Commercial Affairs, 1980 - 1984. In this capacity, he received the Department of State's Meritorious Honor Award for "re-establishing American pre-eminence in the Istanbul International Business Community." After government service, he consulted in Istanbul for five years for the Bank of Boston and several Turkish companies. In the late 1970s, he worked at the U.S. Department of Commerce in Washington, DC, organizing trade shows in Brazil. G. Lincoln McCurdy received his B.A. at Hanover College in Indiana and holds a M.A. in International Management from The George Washington University. He is also a graduate of the Foreign Service Institute's Turkish Language and Culture Program. In May 2001, Mr. McCurdy received Hanover College's Alumni Achievement Award. Mr. McCurdy is an advocate for smart growth and played a key role in beautifying I-66 in Arlington, Virginia, in the 1970s. He is married with two daughters and one granddaughter. He enjoys yoga, gardening, biking and travel.

MARK MEIROWITZ

Mark Meiorowitz is a business lawyer, who has been in practice for over 30 years with top law firms, and as in-house corporate legal counsel with major corporations. He is a solo practitioner whose practice areas include business law, commercial transactions, negotiation of contracts, mergers and acquisitions, intellectual property, real estate, international transactions and franchising. He is also available to be "outsourced" to companies to serve as general counsel and assist in the coordination legal matters for such companies. Mr. Meiorowitz is a member of the Board of Directors of the Turkish-American Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TACCI), the Advisory Council of the American Turkish Council and also serves as an advisor to the Presidents of the Federation of Turkish American Associations and the Assembly of Turkish American Associations. He is also a member of the Turkish American Business Forum (TABF), the Greater New York Chamber of Commerce and the Manhattan

Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Meirowitz has presented many business seminars including "Avoiding Risk in Negotiating Commercial Contracts" at TACCI, TABF, the Greater New York Chamber of Commerce, the New York Public Library, Business and Science Library and the Small Business Administration, as well as presentations on business negotiation at the Spain-US Chamber of Commerce and the Turkish American Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TACCI). Holder of a doctorate in Politics, Mr. Meirowitz has taught Politics, History, Law and English Conversation for Foreign Students at colleges in the New York area. He writes and lectures extensively on the subjects of Turkish Foreign Policy, Turkish-US relations (and related subjects) and has been interviewed on both radio and television programs and in the written press (both locally and internationally) on subjects related to Turkish politics, Middle East Politics and domestic political issues.

CONGRESSMAN JAMES P. MORAN

Congressman Jim Moran is currently serving his twelfth term as U.S. Representative from Virginia's 8th District, comprised of the Cities of Alexandria and Falls Church, Arlington County, and portions of Fairfax County, including Lee District, Mason District, Providence District, Mt. Vernon District, and Dranesville District. A senior member of the Appropriations Committee, Congressman Moran serves as the Ranking Member on the Subcommittee on the Interior and Environment and also serves on the Defense and Legislative Branch Subcommittees. Throughout his two decades of service in the House of Representatives, Congressman Moran has demonstrated vigorous leadership in support of regional transportation solutions, the environment, women's issues, technology, fair and open trade, and fiscal discipline. He is also well known for his efforts to protect federal employees and military retirees. Congressman Moran has left his mark on the region by boosting investments in federal research and development, particularly in Northern Virginia's defense and technology sector which generate high paying jobs. He has successfully advanced procurement reform at the Pentagon, helped authorize and fund replacement of the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Bridge and played an instrumental role in resolving the 1991 real estate credit crunch. Reflective of his commitment to the environment, Congressman Moran has advocated reducing harmful emissions from this region's antiquated coal-fired power plants, protecting green space and green infrastructure and restoring local streams to a more natural state. He continues to receive some of the highest ratings from the League of Conservation Voters and organizations committed to animal protection, gun control and human rights. Congressman Moran serves as co-chair of the Congressional Prevention Coalition, Congressional Animal Protection Caucus and heads the Task Force on Sovereign

Wealth Funds, which was established to study issues surrounding sovereign wealth funds and their potential to affect geopolitics and the U.S. and international economies. In the mid-1990's, Congressman Moran co-founded the New Democratic Coalition, a group of approximately 50 House Democrats committed to fiscal responsibility, free and fair trade, technology, and maintaining America's security and economic competitiveness.

İBRAHİM ONARAL

İbrahim Onaral received a Bachelor's Degree from Robert College in Civil Engineering in 1971 and a Master's Degree from Boğaziçi University in 1973. He is a structural engineer by profession. He has worked as a bridge and structural engineer in a variety of positions both in the US and overseas. As a young bridge engineer, he participated in the construction of the first suspension bridge over the Bosphorus in Istanbul, Turkey. Currently he serves as a Vice President for QBS International, Inc. in charge of the Bridge Department and Business Development. A couple of decades ago, motivated by the need to defend the Turkish Culture and history against unfair and unjustified attacks by various anti-Turkish lobbies in this country, he decided to join the Turkish American organizations with the hope and determination of making a difference. He has served for the local Turkish American organization in the Philadelphia area TAFSUS (Turkish American Friendship Society of the United States) at various positions such as board member, as President and Vice President in the last 20 years. As a TAFSUS board member and as a Turkish American, he has written articles and participated in radio programs fighting against articles, and news distorting and misrepresenting Turkish history and culture. He has been a member of ATAA since 1979. Currently he serves as the past president and treasurer of TAFSUS and as the ATAA Vice President for the North Central region. During his tenure in the last two years as the regional vice president for ATAA, he organized various grassroots efforts and cultural events to increase awareness of Turkish American interests in his region and to promote ATAA as the national organization for Turkish Americans. He is married to Banu Onaral and has one son. He lives in Philadelphia, PA.

MUTLU ONARAL

Mutlu Onaral is a soulful Philadelphia-based Turkish American R&B musician. Over the last few years he has toured extensively across North America and Europe with Amos Lee, Hall & Oates and Joe Jackson and has shared stage with Adele, Eric Hutchinson, Kathy Perry, John Hiatt, Leon Russell and G. Love & Special Sauce amongst many others. His debut album "Livin It" was released by Manhattan/EMI records in 2008 and produced by late, great T-Bone Wolk. "Livin it" featured guest appearances by Amos Lee, Daryl Hall, G. Love and Raheem DeVaughn. Mutlu's music genre is characterized as Acoustic pop/soul and his music is influenced by Philadelphia Blues.

YAVUZ ORUÇ

Yavuz Oruç was born in Ezinepazar–Amasya in 1953. He is a full professor at the University of Maryland in College Park and was a program director at National Science Foundation. He received his Ph.D. degree in Electrical Engineering from Syracuse University. His scientific research focuses on high performance computer systems and quantum information processing. He is the author of Handbook of Scientific Proposal Writing and İkinci Peron. His first English novel, Tomris will be published in Fall 2013.

ŞEBNEM KALEMLİ-ÖZCAN

Şebnem Kalemli-Özcan is a Professor of Economics at University of Maryland, College Park. She is a Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) and a Research Fellow at the Center for Economic Policy Research (CEPR). A native of Turkey, Professor Kalemli-Özcan received her BS in Economics from Middle East Technical University in 1995 and her PhD in Economics from Brown University in 2000. She was the Duisenberg Fellow at the European Central Bank in spring 2008 and held a position as lead economist/advisor for the Middle East and North Africa Region at the World Bank during 2010-11. She was a visiting Professor at Koç University, Istanbul and at Harvard University, Cambridge during 2011-12. Professor Kalemli-Özcan has published extensively in the areas of international finance, international development and applied growth theory in journals such as American Economic Review, Journal of Finance, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of International Economics, and Journal of Development Economics. Her work has also appeared in many invited book volumes, policy outlets, and featured in editorials and World Bank and IMF Annual Reports. She is the first Turkish social scientist who has received the Marie Curie IRG prize in 2008 for her research on European Financial Integration. Her current research focuses on measuring the globalization of European firms and banks and investigating the linkages between real and financial sectors in a globalized economy together with the effects of such linkages on economic fluctuations and development.

BANU PAMUKÇU

Banu Pamukçu is a Marketing Communications specialist. Before coming to Canada, Banu worked in the banking industry for İktisat Bank, HSBC Turkey and Yapı Kredi Bank for nine years. She managed broad spectrum of communication projects, from advertising campaigns to coordinating events; from print design and production to web site management. During the merge of Turkey's two banks; Kocbank and Yapı Kredi, Banu co-managed all integration communications activities which include designing the new web site, revising the printed and soft copy materials and coordinating the national advertising campaign. Banu received her bachelor's degree in Public

Relations from University of Istanbul Turkey in 1997 and graduated with honors from the Business Marketing program of Ottawa's Algonquin College, in 2009. Currently, Banu is serving as the Executive Director of Council of Turkish Canadians. As part of her duties in the Council, over the past three years, Banu organized five conferences for Turkish Canadian youth and adult participants coming from all across Canada.

H.E. FRANCIS J. RICCIARDONE, JR.

Ambassador Ricciardone was appointed by President Obama to be the U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey on January 1, 2011. His previous Ambassadorial appointments include Deputy U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan from 2009 to 2010, Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt from 2005 to 2008, and Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines and the Republic of Palau from 2002 to 2005. Prior to that, Ambassador Ricciardone served as Director of the Department's Task Force on the Coalition Against Terrorism and as a Senior Advisor to the Director General of the Foreign Service. From March 1999 until early 2001, he served as the Secretary of State's Special Coordinator for the Transition of Iraq. Ambassador Ricciardone was born in Boston and graduated from Malden Catholic High School. Upon graduation summa cum laude from Dartmouth College in 1973, he received a Fulbright Scholarship for teaching and study in Italy. He went to Iran as a teacher in 1976, traveling widely in Southwest Asia, Europe, and the Middle East until he entered the Foreign Service in 1978. Ambassador Ricciardone's Foreign Service assignments include two tours in Turkey, most recently (1995-1999) as Deputy Chief of Mission and Charge d'Affaires; and service in Cairo, Amman, and London. He served in two multinational military deployments: as chief of the Civilian Observer Unit of the Multinational Force and Observers in Egypt's Sinai Desert, and as Political Advisor to the U.S. and Turkish commanding generals of Operation Provide Comfort, based in Turkey and operating in Iraq. In Washington, DC, Ambassador Ricciardone has served in the Bureau of Intelligence and Research, the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, and in senior management positions under the Director General of the Foreign Service and of Human Resources. He has won high awards for policy and program management and for political reporting. Mr. Ricciardone speaks Italian, Turkish, Arabic, and French.

LELA ROSS

Lela Ross is junior at George Mason University with a major in International Studies and a minor in Global Conflict Analysis and Resolution. She is the Treasurer of the United Turkish Student Association at Mason. She co-founded the Cultural Integration association at GMU and she now serves at its vice president. She volunteers as a tutor and English as a Second Language assistant for FACETS in Fairfax, VA.

ALİ SAN

Ali San was born in Ankara and came to the US in 1963. He earned his BA and MFA degrees at UCLA in Business and Economics, and Theater Arts (Television and Film Production), respectively, at UCLA. Upon graduation, for a number of years, he worked at Channel 5 TV in Seattle as a Producer-Director. He took up a second career in the Environmental Industry and is now a Business Manager for a national firm, PSC Environmental Services LLC., in Seattle, Washington. Between 1995 and 2010 he was the Project Manager for environmental services PSC provided in Turkey. He is an active member of the Turkish American Cultural Association of Washington State (TACAWA), and has served as its President for two terms. He has also been a Board Member of the Ethnic Heritage Council of the Pacific Northwest. Over the years, he and his family have organized, supported, and participated in many of the TACAWA events such as the annual TurkFest, folk dance presentations at various festivals, Turkish music concerts, and earthquake relief efforts, to name a few. He is married and has two children.

H.E. ELIN SULEYMANOV

In October of 2011, the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev appointed Elin Suleymanov as Azerbaijan's Ambassador to the United States of America. Prior to that, for over five years, Mr. Suleymanov had been the nation's first Consul General to Los Angeles and the Western States leading the team, which established Azerbaijani diplomatic presence on the West Coast. Earlier, he served as Senior Counselor at the Foreign Relations Department, Office of the President in Baku, Azerbaijan and as Press Officer of the Azerbaijani Embassy in Washington, DC. Mr. Suleymanov's experience before joining diplomatic service includes working with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Azerbaijan, as well as with the Open Media Research Institute in Prague, Czech Republic, and Glaverbel Czech, a leading manufacturing company in East-Central Europe. A graduate of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in Medford, Massachusetts, Mr. Suleymanov also holds graduate degrees from the Political Geography department of the Moscow State University, Russia, and from the University of Toledo, Ohio. Mr. Suleymanov has authored numerous articles and is a frequent presenter at academic events. He speaks Azerbaijani, English, Russian and Czech languages.

H.E. NAMIK TAN

Ambassador Namik Tan was appointed Ambassador of Turkey to the United States in February 2010. Prior to this appointment, Ambassador Tan was Deputy Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, responsible for bilateral political affairs and public diplomacy. He was previously Ambassador of Turkey to Israel from 2007 to 2009.

Ambassador Tan joined the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1982. After working in the Department of Maritime Affairs, he was posted to Moscow as Second Secretary from 1984 to 1987. He then spent two years as First Secretary in Abu Dhabi. After returning to Turkey, Mr. Tan served as the Deputy Chief of Cabinet to the Turkish President until 1991. He was later assigned to the Turkish Embassy in Washington, where he served as Counselor from 1991 to 1995 and First Counselor from 1997 to 2001. Between these assignments, Mr. Tan served as Chief of Cabinet to the Turkish Foreign Minister. Upon his return to Turkey in 2001, he first served as Head of the Department for the Americas, and was subsequently named Head of the Information Department in 2002. He went on to serve as the spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 2004 to 2007. Born in 1956, Ambassador Tan holds a law degree from Ankara University. Ambassador and Mrs. Fügen Tan have two children.

MURAT TAŞ

Dr. Murat Taş received his AAS degree in both Computer Science and Records management from the San Antonio College, BS degree in Occupational Education from the Wayland Baptist University, MBA degree from the Wayland Baptist University and Ph.D. degree from the University of the Incarnate Word. Dr. Taş has been teaching at San Antonio College – Business department since 2001 and has been working as a consultant at the University of the Incarnate Word since 1997. He is one of the founders of ATA (American Turkish Association) of San Antonio. He also actively serves in World Affairs Council of San Antonio and City of San Antonio International Visitors group. He is married to Sevda Taş with two daughters, Melodi Damla, and Melissa Su.

HAKAN TAŞÇI

Hakan Taşçı is the Executive Director of TUSKON US, US Representative Office of the Confederation of Businessmen and Industrialists of Turkey in Washington DC. TUSKON is the most widespread business NGO in Turkey with 192 business associations, 47,000 members, and 120 thousand companies. As the US Director, he designs and implements market access strategies for members, supports their strategic development in the US by facilitating b2b, b2g and non-profit engagement activities. He works as a government relations officer of the NGO in the US and organize outreach activities to policy makers, think tanks and NGO's in Washington, DC. He worked as the chief coordinator of TUSKON for the IV. Least Developed Countries Conference where more than 4000 business people participated as part of the private sector track of the conference. He speaks regularly on various TV channels like TRT, Bloomberg, STV, TGRT, VOA, TRT Turk, TRT Haber on Turkish and US economy matters. He writes weekly columns for Turkish daily Today's Zaman.

He has also published number of articles in international peer reviewed journals such as Applied Economics, International Journal of Finance and Economics, Physica A and Applied Economics Letters. Before assuming this position, Mr. Taşçı taught Macroeconomics, Statistics, Business Economics, Principles of Economics courses at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Elon University for about four years. He also worked as a research assistant at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Bilkent University Economics Departments. His research focuses on Macroeconomics, Monetary Policy and International Business. Mr. Taşçı is active in civil society organizations. He was the first elected Social Science Director of Turkish American Scientists and Scholars Association, TASSA. He organized regional workshops, served as the Organizing Committee member of the 2006, 2007 TASSA Annual Conference Programs which were held in Drexel and Yale Universities respectively. He formed a Policy Group at Bilkent University together with 50 bureaucrats and academics and led this Group for about two years. Hakan Taşçı got B.S. in Mathematics and M.A. in Economics from Bilkent University and ABD at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is married with two sons. He speaks Turkish and English.

MEHMET TOY

Mehmet Toy received his BS and MS in Electronics and Communications Engineering from İstanbul Technical University, İstanbul, Türkiye and Ph.D degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering from Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, NJ. He is currently a Distinguished Engineer at Comcast involved in Network Architectures and Standards. Prior to his current position, Dr. Toy held executive, managerial and technical positions at ADVA Optical Networking, InterGenix, Intel Corp., Verizon Wireless, Axiowave Networks, Fujitsu Network Communications, AT&T Bell Labs and Lucent Technologies. He contributed to research and development of Carrier Ethernet, IP Multimedia Systems (IMS), Optical, Wireless and ATM technologies. He published more than 75 articles and four books in these areas and Signal Processing, including his recent book, Networks and Services. He has three US Patents pending. He served as a tenure-track and adjunct faculty member of Electrical and Computer Engineering Departments of Stevens Institute of Technology, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and Dokuz Eylül University. Dr. Toy served in IEEE Network Magazine Editorial Board, IEEE-USA and IEEE ComSoc at various capacities. He received various awards from Comcast, IEEE-USA and AT&T Bell Labs, including "Inventor Award" and "Exceptional Contribution Awards", and was a recipient of scholarships from Turkish Government, TUBITAK and Koç Holdings. He is a Sr. Member of IEEE and Chair of IEEE ComSoc

Cable Networks and Services Committee. He is currently President-Elect for ATAA and a member of the Governing Body of ITU-MD, and a Guest Professor of Inonu University, Malatya, Türkiye. He lives with his three sons and wife in Allendale, NJ.

GİZEM TUNCA

Gizem Tunca is currently a junior at the George Washington University, double majoring in Middle Eastern Studies and Anthropology. An avid member of the Turkish-American community in D.C., she held the position of President for the George Washington Turkish Student Association from 2011-2012. Under her presidency, she spearheaded large fundraisers and events, like the Peace for the Middle East party and the annual Turkish Night. She was awarded Excellence in Student Life Award for Undergraduate Leadership Development for her dedication.

FRED L. TURNER

As the Chief of Staff at the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, Mr. Turner is a member of Chairman Benjamin L. Cardin's senior leadership team. Jointly appointed by Senator Cardin and then-Commission Chairman Alcee L. Hastings in 2007, Mr. Turner's appointment marked the first time since 1994 that the Commission's management had been consolidated in one staff director. He serves as the primary liaison between the political leadership of the Commission and the other Senators, House Members, and Executive Branch Commissioners. Mr. Turner advises Commissioners on foreign policy matters; shapes policy approaches for Commission hearings, briefings and special events; and has organized and participated in more than a dozen Congressional delegations abroad. Prior to his leadership of the Helsinki Commission, Mr. Turner served for more than twelve years on the staff of Congressman Hastings, the last seven as Chief of Staff. Mr. Turner also served as an Associate Staff Member of the U.S. House of Representatives Rules Committee, Democratic Staff Director of the Rules Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process and Democratic Staff Director of the U.S. House of Representatives International Relations Subcommittee on Europe. Previously, he served as Legislative Director for Congresswoman Karen McCarthy and as a graduate fellow with the Anti-Defamation League. Mr. Turner is an honors graduate of American University where he earned his B.A. and M.A. in political science. For several years, Mr. Turner also served as an Adjunct Professor of Government at American University's School of Public Affairs. He is also the author of The Participation of Members of the U.S. Congress in NATO and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Assemblies (co-authored with Zlatko Sabic).

HALUK ÜNAL

Haluk Ünal is a Professor of Finance, at the Robert H. Smith School of Business, University of Maryland, Special Advisor to the Center for Financial Research of the FDIC, and Senior Fellow at the Wharton Financial Institutions Center. He is also the Managing Editor of the Journal of Financial Services Research. Mr. Ünal holds doctorates in finance from The Ohio State University and in economics from Istanbul University, where he did his undergraduate work as well. Mr. Ünal also earned an MS degree in accounting from Ohio State. He previously taught at Ohio State and The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He teaches corporate finance, management of financial institutions, and fixed income securities courses. His current research focuses on executive compensation, corporate bonds, bank mergers, pricing default risk, risk management, and bank resolution costs. He is published in the Journal of Finance, Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis, Journal of Financial Services Research, Journal of Money Credit and Banking, Journal of Banking and Finance, Review of Derivatives Research, Journal of Financial Economics, and Review of Financial Studies. Mr. Ünal has been a consultant to the World Bank, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Department of Justice. He is also on the academic council of Standard and Poor's. Internationally, he delivered invited lectures in Portugal, China, Italy, Mexico, Peru, Poland, Spain, Switzerland, and Turkey. He also held executive training for Bank of Beijing, China Merchants Bank, Banco Santander, Minsheng Bank, Fannie Mae, Hughes Network Systems, Oracle, PENN-Securities Association of China, SAIC, Wharton's International Housing and EMTM programs. Mr. Ünal has been the President of the Turkish-American Scientist and Scholars Association (TASSA) since 2010.

EZGI ÜSTÜNDAĞ

Ezgi Üstündağ was born in Ithaca, New York, in 1994. Although she's lived in the US her entire life, she has remained closely connected to her family in Turkey and to her Turkish heritage. She graduated from Ames High School in Ames, Iowa, in 2012 and was named a U.S. Presidential Scholar that year. She is currently studying International Comparative Studies at Duke University.

H.E. SHARON ANDERHOLM WIENER

Sharon Anderholm Wiener is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, with the rank of Minister Counselor. In February 2013, she became the Acting Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues and Director of the Secretary's Office of Global Women's Issues (S/GWI). She is also chairs the Advanced Turkish Area Studies program at the State Department's Foreign Service Institute. During her 34-year diplomatic career, she has served in a variety of policy and management positions in Washington and in major embassies in Europe, the Middle

East and Latin America. She served as Consul General in Istanbul, Turkey from 2007 to 2010. From 2010-2011, and from 2004-2006, she was a member of the Foreign Service Board of Examiners and served as the Chairman of the Foreign Service Commissioning and Tenure Board. Ms. Wiener was the Minister-Counselor for Political Affairs in Paris (2000-2004). Prior to that, she served as the Director of the Office of Jordan, Syria and Lebanon Affairs in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs. From 1997-98, Ms. Wiener attended the Senior Seminar, an interagency management program for senior national security officials. Ms. Wiener served as Director of the State Department Operations Center from 1995-97. Ms. Wiener's earlier overseas postings include Deputy Political Counselor in Cairo (1993-95) and Deputy Chief of the Arms Control Implementation Unit in Moscow (1990-92). Earlier she served in the State Department as desk officer for Libya and as analyst for Mexico and the Caribbean in the Bureau of Intelligence and Research. Ms. Wiener's first Foreign Service assignment was in Bogota, Colombia (1979-81), followed by her first tour in Paris (1981-85). Ms. Wiener has been awarded five Superior Honor Awards. Her languages are Turkish, French, Arabic, Russian and Spanish. Prior to joining the Foreign Service, Ms. Wiener was an instructor with the University of Maryland Overseas Division in Adana and Ankara, Turkey (1975-78). She received her B.A. from Ohio Wesleyan University, and as an undergraduate spent one year studying at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon. She received her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Duke University.

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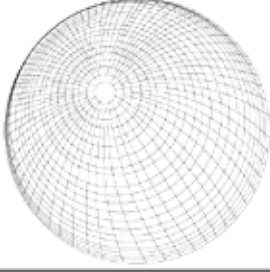


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