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Istanbul, Turkey  
19 - 21 October 2012



Conference Hotel and Venue:

**Holiday Inn Istanbul Airport** [www.hiistanbulairport.com/Eng/holiday-inn.asp](http://www.hiistanbulairport.com/Eng/holiday-inn.asp)  
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Standard rooms (incl. Breakfast + VAT):                      Single €100,00    Double € 115,00  
(use AWE12 as your reference when you book)

How to reach Us:

from Atatürk International Airport (IST)

- Distance: 7 miles/8 km NORTH to Hotel
- Complimentary Shuttle Available
- Taxi Charge (one way): € 12.00 (Time by Taxi: 10 minutes)
- FOLLOW E5 HIGHWAY UNTIL THE ATATURK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT THEN TAKE BASIN EXPRESS ROAD FROM THE AIRPORT, EXIT RIGHT TO MAHMUTBEY JUNCTION AND TAKE A LEFT TURN FROM THE ROUNDABOUT. FOLLOW THE ROAD BY 3 KM TO REACH THE FRONT GATE OF THE HOTEL.

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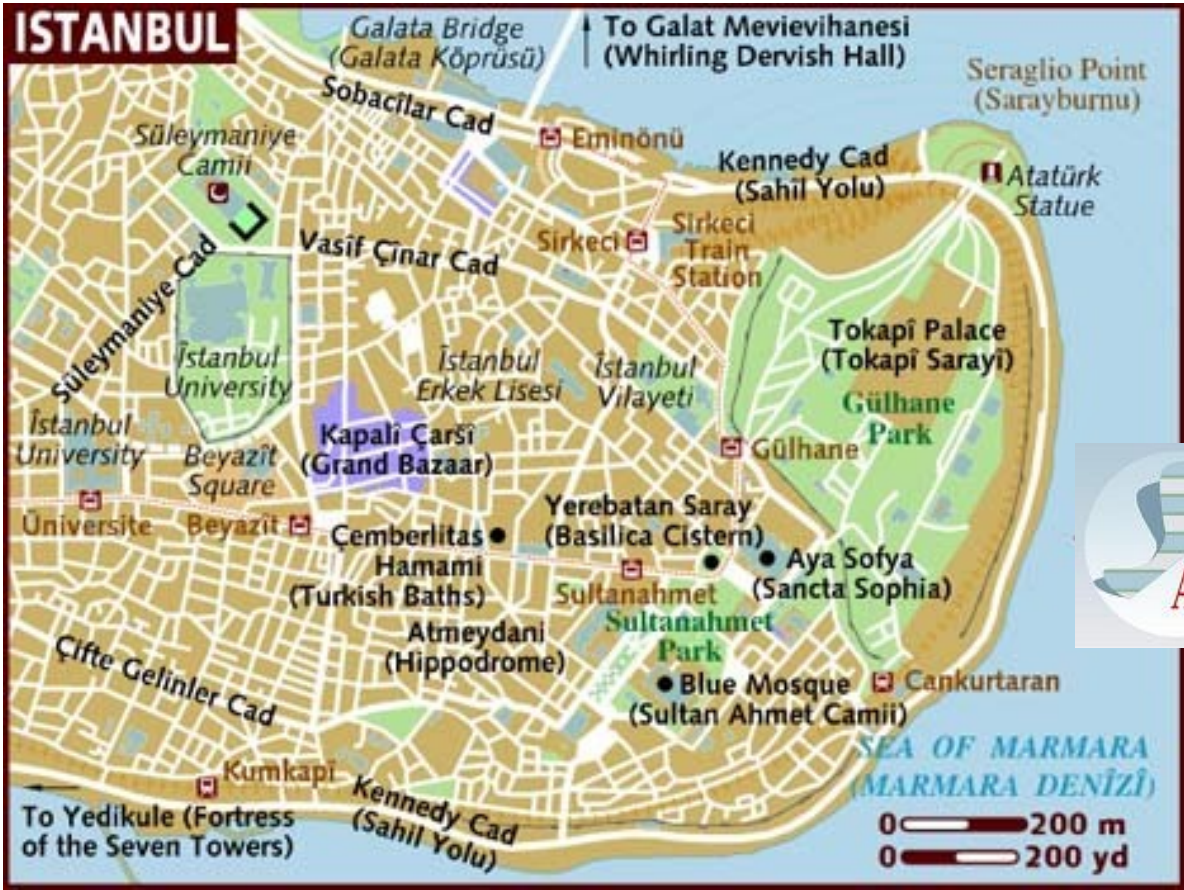
Hotel departure times 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 12:00, 14:00, 16:00, 18:00, 20:00

City Shuttle timetable:

Hotel - Sultanahmet - Taksim

Taksim - Sultanahmet - Hotel

Please make your reservation	9.30	10.00	10.30	10.30	10.45	11.15
	13.30	14.00	14.30	14.30	15.00	15.30
	18.30	19.00	19.30	19.30	20.00	20.30



8<sup>th</sup> AWE Conference Souvenir Program

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# AWE12 SCHEDULE

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**Thursday 18 October 2012**

Tour

**Friday 19 October 2012**

Arrivals

9 am - 12noon

Tour Aviation Museum and Turkish Airlines Training Facilities  
(photocopy of ID and reservation mandatory)

2 - 6 pm

Conference Registration  
Holiday Inn Istanbul Airport Hotel Lobby

7 pm

Welcome Reception - Holiday Inn Istanbul Apt - Starlight Bar  
*sponsored by TAI Turkish Aerospace Industries*  
Presentation of Documentary about **Sabiha Gökçen**

**Saturday 20 October 2012**

9 am - 1.30 pm

Conference - Holiday Inn Istanbul Airport - Conference Room  
*Sponsored by TAV - Istanbul Terminal Operations Co.*

1.30 pm Break

Lunch - Hotel Restaurant

3.00 pm - 6 pm

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Conference - Holiday Inn Istanbul Airport - Conference Room  
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8 pm

Gala Dinner - Holiday Inn Istanbul Apt - Saltanat Restaurant  
*Sponsored by Turkish Airlines*

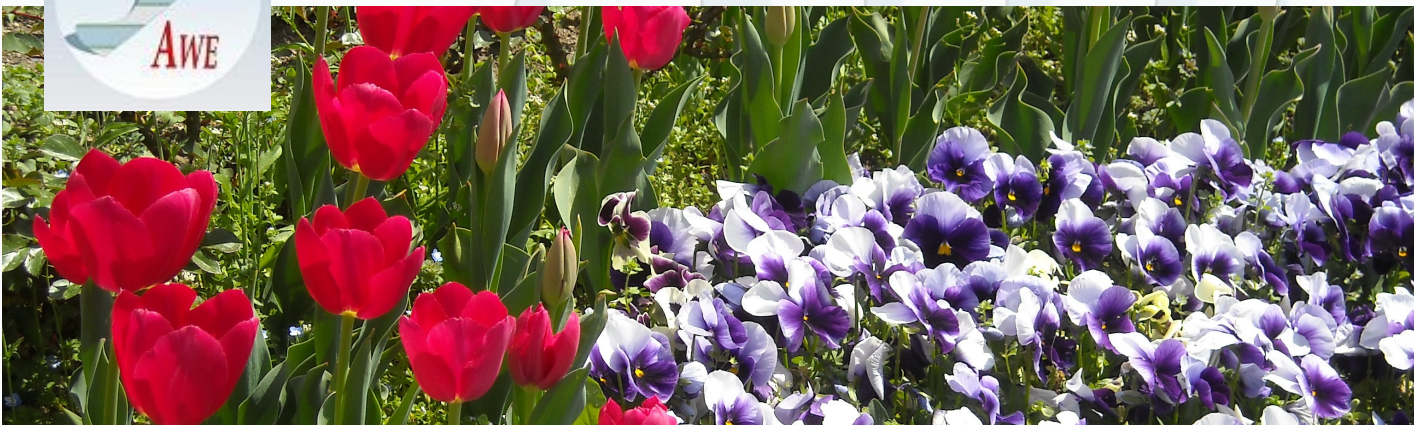
**Sunday 21 October 2012**

8 am - 9.30 am

Aviation and Women in Europe breakfast meeting  
(confirm participation)

Tour

Istanbul - sponsored by TOSHID  
(confirm participation)



Istanbul:

Tours [www.istanbultourservice.com](http://www.istanbultourservice.com) [www.archaeologous.com](http://www.archaeologous.com) [www.istanbul-travel.net](http://www.istanbul-travel.net)

Things to do [www.viator.com/Istanbul/d585-ttd](http://www.viator.com/Istanbul/d585-ttd)  
[www.lonelyplanet.com/turkey/istanbul](http://www.lonelyplanet.com/turkey/istanbul)  
The Guide [www.theguideistanbul.com](http://www.theguideistanbul.com)

City Guide [www.istanbulcityguide.com/istanbul.aspx](http://www.istanbulcityguide.com/istanbul.aspx)

Aviation Museum [www.hho.edu.tr/muze/muze.htm](http://www.hho.edu.tr/muze/muze.htm)



Some historical sites in Istanbul:

- **Anadolu Hisari**, also known as the Anatolian Castle, was built by the Ottoman Sultan Beyazid I in 1395 and is one of many Ottoman sites amongst the historic sites in Istanbul.
- **Beylerbeyi Palace**, the nineteenth century summer retreat of the Sultan Abdulaziz.
- **Dolmabahce Palace**, An opulent 19th century royal residence, which twice served as the seat of the Ottoman Empire.
- Originally constructed by the Genoese in 1348, the **Galata Tower** is a medieval turreted tower which has been used as a fortress, jail and even observatory.
- **Hagia Sophia**, a world renowned 6th century church turned mosque in the heart of Istanbul.
- **The Basilica Cistern**, a former water storage chamber built by Emperor Justinian.
- **The Blue Mosque**, the ambitious creation of young sultan Ahmet I.
- **Topkapı Palace**, a 15th century former residence of the Ottoman Sultans and a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- **The Florence Nightingale Museum**, gives a glimpse into the work and hospital of the Lady of the Lamp.
- **Yedikule Zindanlari**, originally part of the Theodosian Wall, built by Theodosius II in the 5th century. Yedikule Zindanlari is an impressive Byzantine and medieval fort in Istanbul and one of several military fortifications.



Tour of Istanbul Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2012

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## Amazon of the Air ... by Sevda Tantan

When I received my Aviation for Women January/February 2005 issue I was surprised because Sonal Gopujkar, a pilot for Indian Airlines, wrote an article about Sabiha GOKCEN, the first Turkish female combat pilot better known as "Amazon of the Air" by the press. I wish to share some information about a very special woman in aviation in Europe.

Sabiha Gokcen was born on March 21, 1913, in Bursa, Turkey. The upheavals that convulsed World War I had interrupted her elementary schooling. When her brother was away with the army, she and her mother lived in a household without a male head. Then her mother died and her brother returned. He was well disposed toward



her but she felt she was a burden and longed to go to a boarding school. This was 1925, and just about then, Mustafa Kemal ATATURK, the founder of the Turkish Republic, visited Bursa and stayed in a house near Sabiha's. This event changed the course of her life forever. She was adopted by ATATURK during his trip to Bursa and was brought to Ankara.

Upon the passing of the Surnames Law in 1934 she was given the surname "Gokcen" by ATATURK. Sabiha Gokcen, completing her Primary School education in the Presidential Mansion and Istanbul Uskudar Girl's College, was enrolled to the Civil Aviation School "Turk Kusu" of Turkish Aeronautical Association in 1935 where she was awarded with High Glider certificates in Ankara. Gokcen was sent to Crimea, Russia with 7 male students, and completed her education in gliders. Sabiha enrolled in Eskisehir Military Aviation School in 1936 and became a military pilot on completion of all the special training she received.

She completed her apprenticeship period at the Eskisehir 1<sup>st</sup> Airplane Regiment and flew with hunter and bomber aircraft. She was involved in the Dersim operation with the Thrace and Aegean maneuvers in 1937. Gokcen, who completed a Balkan tour with her airplane as a guest of the Balkan states in 1938, was appointed the chief lecturer to Turkusu of Turkish Aeronautical Association. She continued this duty in a successful manner until 1955.

She flew a total of 22 different bomber and acrobatics aircraft throughout her life. Sabiha Gokcen died at the age of 88, one day after her birthday, on 22 March 2001. Sabiha Gokcen is a source of inspiration for all female pilots of the world and her legend will continue to live with us...



photos of Mustafa Kemal ATATURK and Sabiha Gokcen

Legacy and recognition:

The second international airport of Istanbul on the Asian side, Sabiha Gökçen International Airport, is named after her.

She was selected as the only female pilot for the poster of "The 20 Greatest Aviators in History" published by the United States Air Force in 1996.



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**Official AWE 12 Photographer:**

**Tuğba IRMAK**  
ITU Meteorology Engineer Student  
Photographer  
Organisation Groups in Program

Miss. IRMAK is Meteorology Engineer 4th class undergraduate student in Istanbul Technical University and joins AWE to increase her opportunities in aviation. She participated as intern at MGM (Meteorology Broad Management), DSI (Government Water Control Center), AKOM (Disaster Management Center) in 2010 and 2011 in Istanbul. Between 2006-2012 she has worked in school clubs and attended many courses for developing her computer knowledge about software development and design in Turkey.





# AWE 2012 - Speaker Agenda:

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9.00am **BURCU SAHINKAYA** - Turkish Air Force Female F16 Pilot - (Squadron Leader).

**FLIGHT EXPERIENCE** : 1998-2000 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Main Jet Base, İzmir - Flight School (SF-260, T-37, T-38); 2000 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Main Jet Base, Konya - Combat Readiness (F-5); 2000-2001 - 4<sup>th</sup> Main Jet Base, Ankara - Combat Readiness (F-16); 2001-2007 - 9<sup>th</sup> Main Jet Base, Balıkesir - 2-ship Leader, 4-ship Leader, Mission Commander (F-16); 2007-2011 - 5<sup>th</sup> Main Jet Base, Merzifon - Instructor Pilot, Test Pilot, Check Pilot, CRM Officer, Weapons and Tactics Officer (F-16); 2011-2012 - 1<sup>st</sup> TAF, Eskişehir - Operation Project Officer, Instructor Pilot (F-16, T-41).



Flew approximately 2000 hours as flight lead on variety of missions, including all kinds of training missions and NATO exercise, cross service missions to many different bases in Turkey and Europe, joined as MC at lots of training. (Total 2300 Flight Hours).

**MILITARY HONOURS** : Education and Training Achievement Ribbon; Administrative Logistics Ribbon; Outstanding Success Seniority Ribbon; and Wing Commander Ribbon.

**Ranks**: 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. (1998-2001), 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. (2001-2006), Captain (2006-2011), Major (2011-...)

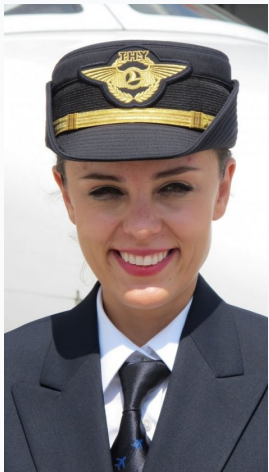
9.40 am **ANTONIA TOMKOVA** - Commercial Director at ABS Jets.

Antonia has worked in professional sales and marketing more than 12 years. Throughout her broad career she has gained experience in various fields and developed a deep knowledge of business and marketing, PR and sales. She has worked not only in agencies and in the media industry, but also as an entrepreneur. Antonia started her career at 18, as an Event Supervisor for Storm promotions. She arranged marketing events for major clients from the FMCG (Nestle, Procter & Gamble, Heineken), as well as the cosmetics (Coty, Gillette) and automotive industries (Citroen). After four years at Strom, Antonia was appointed Marketing Manager at local radio. After that she worked as Supervising Manager at Juba. Antonia then participated in the inception of Grossmann Jet Service, first as Sales & Marketing Manager, and then broadening her role to Commercial Director. At Grossmann Jet Service she successfully led team of 20 employees. Antonia also established the **professional association CEPA** (Central Europe Private Aviation), to foster the development of private aviation in Europe. She also organized one of CEPA's first events, an international conference in Prague in April 2010. In 2009 Antonia was nominated for the prestigious **Manager of the Year** award in four categories: Young Managerial Talent (under 35); Manager of the Year in the Services Sector (collected between TOP3); Manager of the Year; and Small Business Manager. In mid-2010, Antonia founded her own company **MEDIA Tribune**. Her experience and skills are now available to benefit her clients.



10.20am Break

10.40am **SAFIYE ADEMOGLU**. Co-Pilot Candidate - TURKISH AIRLINES.



Joining Türk Hava Yolları A.Ş. in March 2011, Ms. Ademoglu has started her pilot career with the 15 month-training program in Florida Institute of Technology, Aviation. Completing her PPL, CPL license programs and ATPL classes she is now taking her type-rating classes to become a First Officer Pilot in Airbus Series. She has taken the 4<sup>th</sup> place in USA's Air Race Classics in June 2011, a traditional annual transcontinental air race for female pilots.

After the graduation from Economics and Administrative Sciences Faculty, Economics Department of Middle East Technical University in 2009; she has joined the management training program in Yapı Kredi Sigorta A.Ş. in 2010. She has enrolled in Yapı Kredi Sigorta A.Ş. as a specialist in Special Risk and Casualty Department and in Risk Department in Marsh and McLennan Companies till she began her pilot career.



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11.20am

**TRISH BECKMAN & CHRISTINE WALSH** - Boeing Flight Testing

Commander Trish Beckman, US Navy (retired), currently flies for Boeing. Test & Evaluation, Seattle, Washington. She is FAA certificated as an Aircraft Dispatcher and as a Flight Navigator. She flies as a System Operator (similar to flight engineer) for production and engineering test flights of the Boeing 737, and as a Flight Navigator for ferry flights and engineering test flights for all the other Boeing aircraft. She has logged over 5600 flight hours in 73 aircraft types. Trish spent over 28 years on active duty in the US Navy. As a Naval Flight Officer (NFO, or Navigator), she flew in 67 types of aircraft. She was the first woman to qualify as a crewmember in the F-15 (F-15E WSO, 1992), and she was the first American woman to qualify as a crewmember in the F/A-18 (F/A-18D WSO, 1990). Besides being a graduate of the US Naval Test Pilot School, Trish was also a senior instructor there. She holds a BS in Aerospace Engineering (North Carolina State University), an MS in Aeronautical Engineering (Naval Postgraduate School), and a Masters in Business Administration (MBA, Webster University). Trish is a Past President of Women Military Aviators, Inc. (WMA), and is a founding board member and current board member of Women in Aviation, International (WAI). She volunteers as a mentor for Aviation High School, and as a workshop presenter for Sally Ride Science Festivals around the US, to encourage girls to pursue careers in math and science. She also volunteers on the planning committee and as a mentor for the Museum of Flight "Women Fly!" program, as well as similar programs at other museums.



**CHRISTINE WALSH**

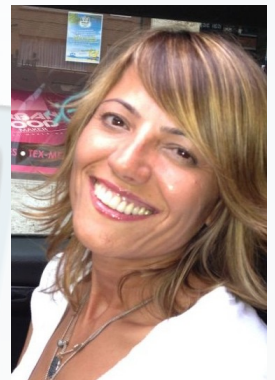
12.00noon

AWE 12 Scholarship Winners recognized and introduced to their sponsors

2.40pm

**MUNEVVER CELIK** - Network Manager at Eurocontrol.

Born in Adana, south of Turkey. Completed studies in Adana. Graduated from Faculty of Economics in English at Cukurova University. Following graduation worked for CIBA-Geigy international medicine company for about 2 years. Joined DHMI as an Air Traffic Controller on 1993 and worked as an Area Radar Controller in Istanbul ACC till 2000. On May 2000 joined Eurocontrol CFMU Operations as Flow controller in Brussels and worked in the area of Air Traffic Flow Management. In 2003 with the set up of Network Management Cell (NMC) team, in order to develop and implement Capacity optimisation and Network Management concept in the area of Air Traffic Management, she was appointed as a Network Manager. Since then works as one of the Network Managers within Eurocontrol Network Management Operations Centre under Directorate Network Management. The main activities of her job are Strategic and Pretactical planning, seasonal Axis traffic flows management, and Post-ops analysis. The service provided includes short term and long term solutions to the capacity problems as well as day to day operational planning. Partners are ANSPs( Air Navigation Service Providers) and Aircraft Operators and the working principle is Collaborative Decision Making (CDM).



3.20pm

**OZGE DENIZ OZKER** - Director and Aerial Cameraperson.



Ms. Ozker got involved in general aviation and aerial photography in 2006. Ozge graduated from the Cinema and Television department of Eskişehir Anadolu University, Turkey in 2004. After graduation, she worked in Eskişehir Municipality as a cameraman and then left her job to work in Martı Civil Aviation company as an aerial photographer/cameraperson. She took lots of aerial photographs from different cities of Turkey and worked in aerial engineering projects. One of them is the video and photograph shooting of BTC pipeline for 8 months. In 2008, her first illustrated children's book "Zizi's Dreams" (Zizi'nin Düşleri) published by Tudem publications and in the same year she took her parachute license from THK. Since 2009 she has been employed in The İzmir University of Economics as a photography studio technician, where she's been the instructor of the Photography Club since 2011. Özge Deniz has written her masters' thesis "Aerial Abstractions: The analysis of Aerial Photography As An Art Form" at the same university in 2012.

Additionally, she is a part of the crew in Kabuk Yapım (collective structure) since 2011 as an independent documentary film director and aerial cameraperson/photographer.



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4.20pm

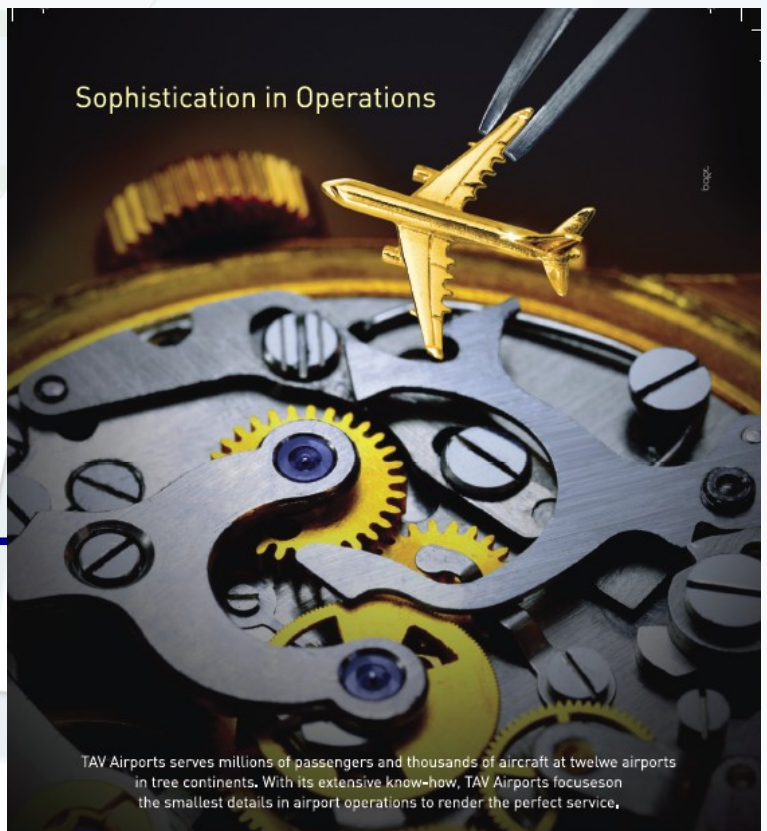
**FERIDE ARMANGIL GOKALP** - Tendering Manager at TAV Construction.



Ms. Gokalp joined TAV Construction in 2005 and has been responsible for centralized monitoring of progress, budget and contracts of the projects of TAV Construction since 2007. Graduating from Civil Engineering department of Middle East Technical University, Turkey, with BSc in 1995 and MSc in 1999 she received her MBA degree in 2004 from Bosphorus University, Istanbul. Between 1995-2005 she has worked in Turkey and abroad, including Middle East and Africa, as site manager and technical office coordinator in construction projects.

TAV Construction has ongoing and completed airport projects all around the world including the construction of terminal buildings under PPP scheme with TAV Airports such as Istanbul Ataturk International Airport, Ankara Esenboğa International Airport, Izmir Adnan Menderes Airport, the greenfield airport of Enfidha in Tunisia and Medine Prince

Muhammed bin Abdulaziz Airport; as well as projects such as Cairo International Airport TB-3, New Doha International Airport, Libya Tripoli Airport, Muscat International Airport MC-1, Saudi Airlines MRO Hangars and Abu Dhabi International Airport MTB. With this portfolio TAV construction has total value of nearly 15 billion USD of completed and ongoing projects as of June 2012.



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**Istanbul.** What is now called Asian Istanbul was probably inhabited by people as early as 3000 BC. Eventually, in the 7th century, Greek colonists led by King Byzas established the colony of Byzantium. Byzas chose the spot after consulting an oracle of Delphi who told him to settle across from the "land of the blind ones." This proved an auspicious decision by Byzas, as history has shown Istanbul's location important far beyond what these early Greek settlers might possibly have conceived.

In the early 100's BC, it became part of the Roman Empire and in 306 AD, Emperor Constantine the Great made Byzantium capital of the Eastern Roman Empire. From that point on, the city was known as Constantinople.

The Hagia Sophia church was built in 6th century. The mid 400's AD was a time of enormous upheaval in the empire. Barbarians conquered the western Roman Empire while the Eastern, also called the Byzantine Empire, kept Constantinople as its capital. In 532 during the reign of Justinian I, anti-government riots destroyed the city. It was rebuilt, and outstanding structures such as Hagia Sophia stand as monuments to the heights Byzantine culture reached.

The attribute that made the city so desirable, its incomparable location for trade and transport between three continents, was also its nemesis. For the next several hundred years Persians, Arabs, nomadic peoples, and members of the Fourth Crusade (who for a time governed the city) attacked Constantinople.

Finally, in 1453, when Constantinople was so weakened by almost constant invasions and battles, the Ottoman Turks led by Sultan Mehmet II were able to conquer the city. Renamed Istanbul, it became the third and last capital of the Ottoman Empire. It was the nerve center for military campaigns that were to enlarge the Ottoman Empire dramatically. By the mid 1500's, Istanbul, with a population of almost half a million, was a major cultural, political, and commercial center. Ottoman rule continued until it was defeated in WWI and Istanbul was occupied by the allies.

When the Republic of Turkey was born in 1923 after the War of Independence, Kemal Ataturk moved the capital to the city of Ankara. The city of Istanbul has continued to expand dramatically and today its population is over 13 million and increases at an estimated 700,000 immigrants per year. Industry has expanded even as tourism has grown. It continues to be a city that creates its own history at the meeting point of the two continents of Europe and Asia. Retrieved May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2102 from [www.allaboutturkey.com/istanbul.htm](http://www.allaboutturkey.com/istanbul.htm)

**Turkish Aviation History.** The history of Turkish military aviation dates back to 1909, when French aviators were invited to Istanbul to perform demonstrations and the Turkish High Command began with studies in this field. The Minister of War Mahmut Şevket Paşa anticipated the importance of military aviation and was aware of the fact that European nations were in a race to strengthen their air forces. In June 1911, he appointed Lieutenant Colonel Süreyya Bey to procure balloons and aircraft and organize the training of pilots and the construction of aviation facilities. Eventually the Aviation Commission was established under the umbrella of the Scientific Research Unit of the Turkish Ministry of War. Eight years after the successful flight of Wright Brothers, Turkey took its place among its peers, USA, Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Austria and Russia in the field of aviation.

Captain Fesa Bey and Lieutenant Yusuf Kenan Bey completed their training in France successfully in March 1912 and returned home. They became the first military pilots of Turkey. They flew the Deperdussin REP. The Turkish High Command began to train its own pilots with the opening of a Flight Training School in Yeşilköy, a suburb of Istanbul, on 3 July 1912. In October 1912, Balkan states declared war on the Ottoman Empire. 9 Turkish fighter aircrafts and 4 training aircraft took part in the Balkan War. The first phase of the war was without a significant success for the Turkish pilots and 4 aircraft were lost. The second phase was marked with successful patrol flights contributing to the outcome of Turkish counter-offensive against the Balkan nations.

The first balloon acquired by the Turkish Army, the Parseval PL-9 was sent aloft in Yeşilköy on 23 July 1913. A crew of German and Turkish officers and engineers manned the balloon, which managed to reach an altitude of 300 meters.

Lieutenant Nuri Bey and Lieutenant Hami Bey flew on a Deperdussin aircraft between Edirne and Istanbul. This first long distance flight of Turkish military aviators took 3 hours and 5 minutes. Five days after this successful flight, on 29 October 1913, Captain Salim Bey and Captain Kemal Bey flew over the Sea of Marmara and on 30 November 1913, Belkıs Şevket Hanım, the chairwoman of the Association of Women's Rights became the first Turkish woman to fly a military aircraft.

It was a time of aviation pioneers and courageous pilots who were pushing themselves and their aircrafts to the limits. In February 1914, an expedition was launched with the objective of covering in flight the 2,370 km distance from Istanbul to Alexandria in Egypt. The following route was approved by the authorities: Istanbul-Eskişehir-Afyon-Ulukışla-Adana-Aleppo-Homs-Beirut-Damascus-Jerusalem-El Arish-Port Said-Cairo -Alexandria. Salim Bey and Kemal Bey completed the flight on 15 May 1914. Responding to a request from the Turkish High Command, a number of German pilots visited the Turkish Air Force in 1915 and Turkish officers began to be sent to Germany for flight training. At the same time, Captain Erich Serno from the German Air Force was given the task of reforming the Turkish military aviation. German contributions in terms of both aircraft and pilots played a crucial role in strengthening Turkish aviation efforts in the war. The number of aircraft eventually rose to 40 in 1915, and 90 in 1916. The army used a total of 450 aircraft during the course of the war, flown by 100 Turkish and 150 German pilots. During this period, the Turkish Air Force was made up of units such as the Flight School, Air Stations, Air Squadrons, Stable Balloon Squadrons, Anti-Aircraft Artillery and Meteorology Stations. The Turkish Air Force gained full power only in 1916. In May 1916, all the aviation units were combined under the Air Affairs Bureau of



Inspections of the Turkish High Command. In December 1916, the air force consisted of 90 aircraft, 81 pilots and 57 observers and in July 1918, 46 pilots, 59 observers, three observation balloon units and 92 aircraft, 14 of which were seaplanes. There were also 13 pilot and 22 observer trainees and 21 training aircraft at Yeşilköy.

May 20<sup>th</sup>, 1933. Turkish Airlines was founded in ANKARA under the name "STATE AIRLINES ADMINISTRATION" as a department of the Ministry of Defence. FLEET: 1 KING BIRD, 2 JUNKERS F-13, and 1 ATH-9.

1938. The name was changed to "General Directorate of State Airlines" and was operated under the Ministry of Transportation

1945. DC-3 aircraft joined the fleet.

1947. First international flight was Ankara-Istanbul-Athens.

March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1956. TK was reorganized and operated under special legislation, then renamed Türk Hava Yolları A.O.

1958-1960. F-27 and VISCOUNT aircraft joined the fleet.

1967. First DC-9 jet aircraft joined our fleet and the jet age started.

1985. AIRBUS 310 aircraft joined our fleet.

1993. THT (Turkish Air Transportation) incorporated company merged with Turkish Airlines in September.

2006. THY joined the Star Alliance on 4 August.

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