

Turkish American Scientists and Scholars Association

(TASSA) is an independent, non-profit and non-political organization established in June 2004 in Washington, DC, USA.

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Vision: TASSA's vision is to build a sustainable science bridge between the U.S. and Turkey. This bridge facilitates the flow of people (scientists and scholars), knowledge, and technology and help link science and technology institutions in the two countries.

Mission: TASSA's mission is to promote educational, scientific and technological cooperation between the USA and Turkey and to facilitate the advancement of science in Turkey and the USA through scientific exchange, educational programs and increased networking.

Objectives:

- Contribute to the social welfare and the industrial development in the USA and Turkey through the promotion of education and science.
- Promote educational and scientific cooperation between the USA and Turkey.
- Promote friendship and fellowship among Turkish-American professionals engaged in engineering, natural, life and social sciences, and related fields.
- Enhance the professional and social status of Turkish-American professionals engaged in engineering, natural, life and social sciences, and related fields.
- Promote and cultivate the next generation of Turkish-American scientists and scholars.

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TASSA 2008 Annual Conference

Harvard Medical School Conference Center April 11-13, 2008

Conference Theme

"Innovation as Driver for Social Transformation and Economic Growth"

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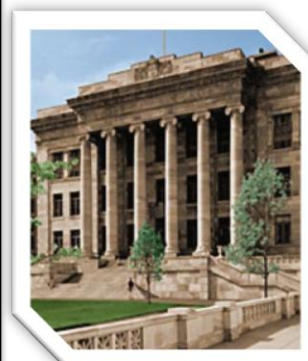
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The upcoming annual conference of the Turkish American Scientists and Scholars Association (TASSA'08) will be held at Joseph B. Martin Conference Center at Harvard Medical School in Boston, MA, on April 11-13, 2008. The conference theme is **"Innovation as Driver for Social Transformation and Economic Growth"** and has the overall goal to establish a sustainable science bridge between the United States and Turkey.

The meeting is organized to include many distinguished and young speakers, interactive discussion panels, various types of meet-and-greet sessions, and a stakeholders' fair. The objective is to create a dynamic platform for many young and experienced American, Turkish, and Turkish-American scientists to explore and develop new collaborative initiatives, thereby strengthening and enhancing the scientific and technological cooperation between the United States and Turkey.

The participants will have time to interact and network with one another during dedicated periods, both in smaller and larger groups. Specific time slots are allocated for poster sessions in reserved areas. This year's meeting, just like the previous ones, will be an excellent platform to mobilize the Turkish and American communities to work toward mutually beneficial goals.

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