This report has been prepared for evaluating overall performance and development of TASSA in 2013.
TABLE OF CONTENTS

Message from the President........................................................................................................3
1. Communication with TASSA Community ...............................................................................4
2. Membership Activities..........................................................................................................4
3. Meetings TASSA Organized or Participated .......................................................................5
4. Participation in Conferences and Events .............................................................................7
5. Other TASSA Activities.......................................................................................................8
6. TASSA Organizational Chart, Members of the Board and Committees .........................9
7. Directors, Executive Committee, Standing Committee Meetings....................................13
8. TASSA 2013 Institutional Members ....................................................................................14
APPENDIX 1 TASSA 2013 ACTIVITIES .................................................................................15

Turkish American Scientists and Scholars Association (TASSA) 2013 Annual Report
Message from the President

Dear Friends of TASSA,

2013 continued to be a build-up year for TASSA. We were busy trying to establish a strong infrastructure for our operations, while trying to meet the demands of various stakeholders, and getting prepared for the 2014 Conference. The hard work is fun and I really appreciate the volunteer help TASSA is receiving from the members of the Executive Board, the Board of Directors, and our various technical and standing committee members. We are very lucky to have individuals who are willing to donate serious time and energy for a good cause.

As you will observe in the following pages, TASSA was able to operate successfully both in the United States and in Turkey. Our contribution to the implementation of the science and technology agreement between Turkey and the United States is appreciated by all parties. Our publication of the newsletter, *The Bridge*, continued with no interruption and over 2,000 recipients regularly read the newsletter. We have started keeping track of the visits to our website and it stands at an impressive over 4,000 visits in the last quarter of 2013. We were also able to implement the TASSA-Connect, a platform, which will aid job seekers in the US to find positions in the Turkish universities. We expect TASSA-Connect will evolve into a major communication platform among the members of TASSA.

These are all signs that TASSA is making good progress in creating value to its stakeholders. I believe we can do more. We need resources and we would really appreciate your involvement with TASSA. Please be part of the 2014 Conference, attend the sessions, let us know what you have in mind for TASSA and start a new project or help us on the projects we started. There is plenty to do. Also, please consider giving to TASSA. Unless we professionalize the organization we cannot institute TASSA on strong grounds. If you seriously think TASSA can do some good then please consider becoming a member, recruit members, and help us sign-up institutional sponsors. The 2014 conference will once again feature the bright minds of the Turkish Science Diaspora. The biggest reward for your contributions is to listen to them during the conference and feel proud to be a member of this society.

I wish you all a very successful year.

Respectfully,
1. Communication with TASSA Community

- Throughout 2013 TASSA bi-monthly newsletter, The Bridge was published and sent to all contacts in the TASSA database in January, March, May, July, September and November.

- TASSA-The Bridge bi-monthly newsletter’s interface was redesigned in July.
- A new online Newsletter Sign-Up form was created for the Bridge followers.
- Dr. Şeyda Ertekin, Dr. Ayşe Kivilci Coşkun, Dr. Utkan Demirci, Dr. Ertuğrul Çubukçu, Dr. Alp Şimşek were selected as the “Young Scientist of the Month” in 2013.
- A new corner in the Bridge issued conversations with distinguished scientists and scholars, including Dr. Feryal Özel, Dr. Hayat Önyüksel, and Dr. Nihal Altan-Bonnet.
- Announced the success stories, news and awards of Turkish scientists and scholars in the Bridge issues.
- Announced the “Upcoming Events and Conferences” on the TASSA website and in the Bridge issues.
- Announced “Job Openings” on the TASSA website and in the Bridge issues.
- TASSA Vice-President, Dr. Nilay Papila continued to write her column for “The Bridge” newsletter on grant opportunities, which are available in Turkey and the European Community.
- TASSA Institutional Members and TASSA Conference Sponsors were listed in the Bridge issues.
- Announced the “Research Destination Turkey Workshop Series” by the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) on April 6-8-10, 2013 in Houston, Raleigh and Atlanta in the March issue.
- TASSA 2014 Conference was announced in the November 2013 issue of the Bridge and on the website of TASSA.

2. Membership Activities

- Major overhaul of the contact database was undertaken. More than 1500 individual member information was updated in the Constant Contact system. The database was also expanded by adding 175 Turkish Universities Rector’s contact information and more than 100 Turkish and Turkish-American private company contact information. The new contact database is operating within the Constant Contact system.
- The database can also track annually the institutional and individual membership.
• Individual and institutional membership reminder invitation emails were sent in February, May 2013 and in October 2013.

• Provided messages and links in the Bridge newsletter to invite TASSA members for membership renewal and TASSA contacts for new membership application.

• The TASSA website membership login, membership application, and membership renewal processes were streamlined.

• Communication with institutional members and Turkish universities intensified during 2013.

• TASSA started to be more active with more than 800 followers in its social media channels including Facebook and Linkedin.

3. Meetings TASSA Organized or Participated

1. TASSA Vice-Presidents Prof. Candan Tamerler and Dr. Nilay Papila participated in the USA-TR Joint Science and Technology Committee Meeting on April 3-4, 2013 in Ankara, Turkey.

   Attendees: President of TUBITAK, Dr. Yücel Altunbaşak, US Ambassador to Turkey Francis Ricciardone, Turkish Minister Nihat Ergün, Assistant Secretary Dr. Kerri-Ann Jones, The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) representatives, the Minister of Science, Technology, and Innovation representatives, U.S. team composed of 25 representatives from eight federal agencies, three universities, three private companies, three NGOs, and 75 members on the Turkish delegation.

2. TASSA representatives met US Science Envoy, Dr. Susan Hockfield in Washington, DC on Fri, April 26, before making her first official visit to Turkey on May 13-17.

   Attendees: Dr. Susan Hockfield (US Science Envoy and President Emerita of MIT), Dr. Brian T. Carter (Foreign Affairs Officer, Office of Science and Technology Cooperation), Aprille C. Raabe (Foreign Affairs Officer, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs), Dr. Haluk Ünal (TASSA President), Dr. Hasan Ayaz (TASSA Vice President) and Tuğba Güntay (TASSA Managing Director).

3. TASSA representatives met with YTB (TC. Başbakanlık Yurtdışı Türkler ve Akraba Topluluklar Başkanlığı – Turks and Relative Communities Abroad Office) representatives in New York on May 19, 2013.
Attendees: Gazali Çiçek (YTB Institutional Relations and Communication Director), Hüseyin Çardak (Coordinator), Muhlis Kaçar (Specialist), Ömer Yetkin (Assistant Specialist), Dr. Haluk Ünal (TASSA President), Dr. Hasan Ayaz (TASSA Vice President).

4. TASSA Vice President, Dr. Nilay Papila, had a meeting with Teknopark İstanbul representative, Ms. Banu OGAWA, and discussed ways of collaborating on Wed, June 26 in İstanbul.

Attendees: Dr. Nilay Papila (TASSA Vice President), Banu OGAWA (International Business Development Coordinator, Teknopark Istanbul)

5. Met with Aksaray University faculty members and representatives on August 7, 2013. Informed them about the US education system and universities and general information about academic publishing.

Attendees: Dr. Haluk Ünal (TASSA President), Dr. Ahmet Aydilek, Dr. Levent Güntay (Vice-President and Membership Comm. Chair) and Tuğba Güntay (TASSA Managing Director) and 17 faculty members from Aksaray University, Turkey.

6. TASSA Vice President, Dr. Nilay Papila, met the Science Academy representatives in İstanbul to explore the collaboration opportunities between the Academy and TASSA on Fri, October 4.

Attendees: Dr. Nilay Papila (TASSA Vice President), Prof. Dr. Ali Alpar (President of the Science Academy) and Prof. Dr. Ersin Yurtsever (Executive Board Member of the Science Academy).

7. Haluk Unal and Levent Güntay attended a meeting on “IT Solutions for Diaspora Scientists and Engineers” organized by David Proctor from the National Science Foundation. Several representatives from diaspora organizations, including the U.S. Science Attachés of Ireland and Italy, attended the meeting. Farzin Arsanjani introduced "share.to," which is a new social collaboration platform for diaspora members.

8. TASSA participated in a series of meetings held by TUBİTAK regarding the action plan to strengthen science and technology opportunities between US-TR. Toward this end, TASSA Vice President, Dr. Candan Tamerler, attended to materials group and biomedical group meetings in Ankara.

9. TASSA also participated the Turkish National Academy of Science (TUBA) meeting in Ankara, December, 2013. Candan Tamerler represented TASSA in these meetings.

10. TASSA Vice President, Prof. Candan Tamerler, in her July and December visits to Turkey, had meetings in several universities in Istanbul and informed the upcoming TASSA conference, new activities TASSA is launching, e.g. TASSA Connect.
11. TASSA representatives met with Mr. Kemal Kılıçdaroğlu, the leader of Turkey’s main opposition party, the Republican People’s Party (CHP) on December 1, 2013 and Faruk Logloğlu the Vice President of CHP.

Attendees: TASSA President Haluk Unal, Vice President Levent Guntay Treasurer Refik Soyer, founding members Murat Tarimcilar and Yavuz Oruc.

12. A seminar by Kader Sevinc was organized on “Post-Gezi Turkey and Europe,” on October 8, 2013 at Robert H. Smith School of Business Suite C-6 Ronald Reagan Building.

13. TASSA participated the International Scientific Diasporas: Sharing Experiences Workshop on October 28th, 2013 at the Embassy of Italy. M. Sena Sahin represented TASSA.

4. Participation in Conferences and Events

- Science and Engineering Diaspora Event: NODES (Networks of Diasporas for Science and Technology), a partnership between the Department of State, AAAS, and the National Academies, held a Science Diaspora Event in Boston on February 14, 2013. TASSA was invited and represented by Dr. Gizem Dönmez, Assistant Professor at Tufts University, delivered a presentation on TASSA at the event.


TASSA organized a panel titled “The Scientific Bridge Between Turkey & the US: Past, Present, Future”. The panel featured Drs. Haluk Unal (University of Maryland), Murat Tarimcilar (George Washington University), Şebnem Kalemlı-Özcan (University of Maryland) and Hasan Ayaz (Drexel University).

- TASSA participated “Congress for Turkish Scientists Living Abroad” Meeting on July 4-5, 2013 in Istanbul, Turkey. The meeting was hosted by TÜBİTAK and the Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology.

TASSA attended to “2nd Congress for Turkish Scientists Living Abroad” meeting with the following representatives: Prof. Dr. Banu Onaral (Drexel University), Prof. Candan Tamerler (University of Washington), Prof. Dr. Aydoğan Özcan (UCLA), Prof. Dr. Selim Ünlü (Boston University), Prof. Dr. Kenan Gündoğdu (NCSU), Prof. Dr. Ahmet Yükleyen (University of Mississippi), Prof. Dr. Şeyda Ertekin (MIT), Dr. Nilay Papila (Ozyegin University), Dr. Hayat Önyüksel (UIC), Dr. Murat Günel (Yale) and Dr. Turgut Gür (Stanford).

- TASSA participated in the Global Innovation Partnership Forum 2013, on November 20-21, 2013 in Philadelphia. The event provided a platform for local and international partners to share experiences and ideas about the academic innovation ecosystem. Prof. Dr. Banu Onaral (Drexel University) and Dr. Hasan Ayaz (Drexel University) represented TASSA.
5. Other TASSA Activities

**TASSA 2012 Annual Report**
Issued “2012 Annual Report” which summarizes the activities the members of the TASSA Executive Committee and Board have undertaken together with our volunteers from technical groups and standing committees, and TASSA community.

**Research Report: Patents from Turkey and European Union**
TASSA Vice-President, Dr. Hasan Ayaz prepared a “Research Report: Patents from Turkey and European Union”. This report’s aim was to find out how many US patents originated from Turkey and how this compared with other European countries.

**TASSA Declaration on Gezi Park Events**
TASSA Board of Directors and the Executive Board issued a joint statement on June 2, 2013, criticizing police actions at the start of the events.

**Turkish Science Diaspora Map**
TASSA generated the first Turkish Science Diaspora Map in the United States. The report provides the demographic characteristics of 2285 Turkish scholars and scientists from 785 US institutions. The map is provided below and the detailed report is available in the TASSA website and the September 2013 issue of the Bridge.

![Turkish Science Diaspora Map of the United States](image)

**TASSA Web Committee Activities**
TASSA announces a new platform for connecting TASSA members and institutes. The new web portal TASSA-Connect provides job search, interview scheduling, research news and many more exciting features to connect its members.

TASSA Connect also serves as a platform for research collaboration opportunities in the fields of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Health and Biomedical Sciences, Natural Sciences and Social Sciences and Art & Humanities for Turkish and American researchers.
**TASSA 2014 Conference**

TASSA 2014 Conference is scheduled to be organized at the University of Maryland, College Park, MD on March 22-23, 2014.

The program committee consists of the following members:

Aydogan Ozcan, UCLA (Chair)
Ertugrul Cubukcu, University of Pennsylvania
Ayse Imrohoroglu, USC
Banu Onaral, Drexel University
Ali Parlakturk, University of North Carolina
Ertugrul Taciroglu, UCLA
Candan Tamerler, The University of Kansas

The committee started its work in August 2013. A new initiative, Young Scholars Awards, was announced and nominations were solicited.

**6. TASSA Organizational Chart, Members of the Board and Committees**
Board of Directors

Hüseyin Abut, San Diego State University
Turgay Ertekin, Pennsylvania State University
Murat Günel, Yale School of Medicine
Orhan Gürbüz, Tobolski Watkins Engineering Inc. & Gürbüz Consulting
Şebnem Kalemlı-Özcan, University of Maryland
Aydoğan Özcan, UCLA
Füsun Özgüner, Ohio State University
Mehmet Toner, Harvard-MIT Division of Health Sciences and Technology
Haluk Ünal, University of Maryland (Chairman of the Board)

Board Committees

Audit Committee
Şebnem Kalemlı-Özcan, University of Maryland (Chair)
İşıl Erel, Ohio State University
Daver Kahvecioğlu, American Institutes for Research

Nominating Committee
Hüseyin Abut, San Diego State University (Chair)
Ayşe Imrohoroğlu, University of Southern California
Candan Tamerler, University of Washington
Mehmet Toner, Harvard-MIT Division of Health Sciences and Technology

Executive Committee
Haluk Ünal, President
Hasan Ayaz, Vice President
Levent Güntay, Vice President
Nilay Papila, Vice President
Candan Tamerler, Vice President
Tuğba Güntay, Managing Director (January 2013 - August 2013)
Sena Sahin, Managing Director (August 2013 - Present) and Editor (August 2013- Present)
Aylin Sagay, Editor (January 2013 – June 2013)
Refik Soyer, Treasurer
Standing Committees

Finance
- Turan G. Bali, Georgetown University
- Işil Erel, Ohio State University
- Ferhat Esen, The World Bank
- Pınar Güvenir, Cagal and Associates, LLC
- Levent Güntay, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
- Refik Soyer, George Washington University
- Murat Tarımcılar, George Washington University

Membership
- Hasan Ayaz, Drexel University
- Sümer Can, Diodes, Inc.
- Levent Güntay, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
- Nilay Papila, Science Connect, Inc.
- Candan Tamerler, University of Washington

Public Relations
- Gizem Dönmez, Tufts University
- Şeyda Ertekin, MIT
- Nilay Papila, Science Connect, Inc.
- Burhaneddin Sandıkçı, University of Chicago

Relationship with Turkey
- Hasan Ayaz, Drexel University
- Turgut Gür, Stanford University
- Daver Kahvecioğlu, American Institutes for Research
- Ümit Özgüner, The Ohio State University
- Nilay Papila, Science Connect, Inc.
- Candan Tamerler, University of Washington
- Bülent Yavuz, Nanostellar, Inc.

Rules
- Timur Edib, Timur Edib Law Office
- Ferhat Esen, The World Bank
- Tuğba Güntay, Turkish American Scientists and Scholars Association
- Daver Kahvecioğlu, American Institutes for Research

Web
- Murat Aksoy, Stanford University
- Hasan Ayaz, Drexel University
- Fatih Culha, Department of Defense
- Yalçın Sert, Customs and Border Protection
- Senay Solak, University of Massachusetts
Technical Groups

Engineering and Applied Sciences
- Ertuğrul Çubukcu, University of Pennsylvania
- Şeyda Ertekin, MIT Sloan School of Management
- Metin Sitti, Carnegie Mellon University
- Selim Ünlü, Boston University

Health and Biomedical Sciences
- Hatice Altuğ, Boston University
- Gizem Dönmez, Tufts University
- Bahri Karaçay, University of Iowa
- Nilgün Tümer, Rutgers University

Natural Sciences
- Bülent Akgün, National Institute of Standards and Technology
- Ertuğrul Taciroglu, UCLA
- Serap Erdal, University of Illinois at Chicago
- Batuhan Osmanoğlu, University of Alaska, Fairbanks

Social Sciences and Art & Humanities
- Ayse İmrohoroğlu, University of Southern California
- Hülya Eraslan, Johns Hopkins University
- Çağlar Özden, The World Bank
- Ahmet Yükleyen, University of Mississipp
7. Directors, Executive Committee, Standing Committee Meetings

- Board of Directors Meetings: August 25, 2013
- Executive Committee Meetings: Jan 27, March 23, July 21, 2013 and September 15, 2013
- Standing Committee Meetings:
  - Web Committee: February 20, February 27, March 6, March 14, March 21, March 28, April 11, April 18 and May 9
- TASSA WISESS Meetings: A new ad hoc committee is formed to develop policy on organizing a conference on opportunities with Women in Sciences, Engineering, and Social Sciences (WISESS). Committee members are Dr. Candan Tamerler (University of Kansas), Dr. Feryal Ozel (University of Arizona), Dr. Sebnem Kalemlı-Ozcan (University of Maryland), Dr. Hayat Önyüksel (University of Illinois at Chicago), Dr. Serap Aksoy (Yale University), Dr. Ayse Imrohoroglu (University of Southern California)
  - The committee held two meetings on April 6 and April 30.
8. TASSA 2013 Institutional Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Championing Members</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ÖZYEĞİN ÜNİVERSİTESİ</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sustaining Members</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>İSTANBUL BİLGİ UNIVERSITY</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maltepe University</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>İSTANBUL KEMERBURGAZ ÜNİVERSİTESİ</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Promoting Members</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>İNDIR HAS UNIVERSITY</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KOÇ UNIVERSITY</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sponsor Members</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>IŞIK ÜNİVERSİTESİ</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Eczacibaşı</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MELİŞAH ÜNİVERSİTESİ</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ŞELÇÜK ÜNİVERSİTESİ</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
APPENDIX 1 - TASSA 2013 ACTIVITIES

The Bridge, Bi-monthly Newsletter

Science and Engineering Diaspora Event In Boston February 14, 2013

TASSA attended USA-TR Joint Science and Technology Committee Meeting in Ankara April 3-4, 2013

TASSA organized a panel at the ATAA’s 33rd Annual Assembly in Washington DC April 25-27, 2013

TASSA met US Science Envoy, Dr. Susan Hockfield in Washington DC on April 26, 2013

TASSA 2013 Activities, continued

“Summit for Turkish Scientists Living Abroad” meeting in Istanbul July 4-5, 2013

TASSA organized “Post-Gezi” Turkey and Europe Seminar by Kader Sevinc on Tuesday October 8 2013 at Robert H. Smith School of Business Suite C-6 Ronald Reagan Building

TASSA representatives met with Mr. Kemal Kılıçdaroğlu, the leader of Turkey’s main opposition party, the Republican People’s Party (CHP) on December 1, 2013
2013 Featured Young Scientists in TASSA Newsletter

Şeyda Şeyda Ertekin, Ph.D.
Ayşe Kıvılcım Coşkun, Ph.D.
Utkan Demirci, Ph.D.

Ertuğrul Çubukçu, Ph.D.
Alp Simsek, Ph.D.

“Conversation with a Scientist and Scholar” Corner in TASSA the Bridge Newsletter

Feryal Özel, Ph.D
Hayat Önyüksel, Ph.D.
Nihal Altan-Bonnet, Ph.D.
## Tassa Website Visits (Oct 1, 2013-Dec 31. 2013)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Country</th>
<th>Visits</th>
<th>New Visits</th>
<th>Pages / Visit</th>
<th>Avg. Visit Duration</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>4,240</td>
<td>3,234</td>
<td>3.08</td>
<td>00:02:26</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>% of Total: 100.00%</td>
<td>% of Total: 100.03%</td>
<td>Site Avg: 3.08</td>
<td>Site Avg: 00:02:26</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>United States</td>
<td>2,227</td>
<td>1,654</td>
<td>3.66</td>
<td>00:03:04</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Turkey</td>
<td>1,385</td>
<td>1,057</td>
<td>2.68</td>
<td>00:01:58</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Germany</td>
<td>60</td>
<td>42</td>
<td>2.07</td>
<td>00:00:53</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Canada</td>
<td>57</td>
<td>44</td>
<td>1.95</td>
<td>00:01:40</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>United Kingdom</td>
<td>56</td>
<td>46</td>
<td>2.18</td>
<td>00:01:05</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>France</td>
<td>51</td>
<td>48</td>
<td>3.75</td>
<td>00:02:03</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>India</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>1.47</td>
<td>00:00:53</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Australia</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>1.59</td>
<td>00:00:26</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pakistan</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>2.15</td>
<td>00:03:09</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Netherlands</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>1.24</td>
<td>00:00:28</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
TURKISH AMERICAN SCIENTISTS AND SCHOLARS ASSOCIATION

2014 TASSA CONFERENCE

March 22-23, 2014 • Van Munching Hall, Robert H. Smith School of Business, University of Maryland at College Park, Maryland

TASSA conferences will bring together prominent scientists and scholars from leading American and Turkish institutions as well as decision makers and potential partners. The theme of the 2014 conference is Global Opportunities.

Register at: www.tassausa.org/Annual-Conferences/2014/Registration

Conference Theme

This year's conference theme will be centered on "Global Opportunities", which will broadly cover the emerging technical and social challenges as well as related opportunities that are likely to transform our world in the coming decades. Our conference will also focus on another very important and timely theme, that is: "Women in Science, Engineering, and Social Sciences".

One of the goals of the 2014 TASSA Conference is to recognize the success of Turkish-American women in basic and applied as well as social sciences and learn from their experiences. The WISESS Symposium will bring together Turkish women scientists who work in America and Turkey together with women leaders of academia.

WISESS

Young Scholar Awards

Graduate students, postdoctoral scholars and researchers (from academia and industry), and junior faculty who have excelled in their respective fields are invited to submit a nomination (including self-nominations) for the inaugural TASSA Young Scholar Awards.

Nomination Submission Deadline: January 6, 2014, 5PM EST.
For more information: www.tassausa.org/Annual-Conferences/2014/Young-Scholar-Award

Poster Presentation Session

Poster session will serve as a platform for principal investigators, students, postdoctoral fellows and researchers as well as institutions who would like to present their scholarly efforts.
For more information: www.tassausa.org/Annual-Conferences/2014/Poster

Talent & Innovation Showcase

Great opportunity for Turkish University representatives to meet and interview graduating Turkish students. Formal interviews are conducted in professional interview rooms. The new TASSA CONNECT platform will facilitate applicants to set up appointments with University and other research institutions from Turkey and the United States.

For Questions: ed@tassausa.org

For more information: www.tassausa.org/Annual-Conferences/2014/Talent-Innovation-Showcase
About TASSA

Turkish American Scientists and Scholars Association (TASSA) is an independent, non-profit and non-political organization established in June 2004 in Washington, DC.

*TASSA aims to contribute to the social welfare and the industrial development in the U.S.A. and Turkey through the promotion of education and science.

*TASSA promotes friendship and fellowship among Turkish-American professionals engaged in engineering, natural, life and social sciences, and related fields.

*TASSA enhances the professional and social status of Turkish-American professionals engaged in engineering, natural, life and social sciences, and related fields.

*TASSA promotes and cultivates the next generation of Turkish-American scientists and scholars.

*TASSA has a large community and network of nearly 5,000 Turkish scientists and scholars. TASSA members come from

- Engineering and Applied Sciences
- Health and Biomedical Sciences
- Natural Sciences
- Social Sciences, Arts & Humanities

MISSION

TASSA’s mission is to promote educational, scientific and technological cooperation between the U.S.A. and Turkey and to facilitate the advancement of science in Turkey and the USA through scientific exchange, educational programs and increased networking.

VISION

TASSA’s vision is to build a sustainable science bridge between the U.S.A. and Turkey. 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.

THE BRIDGE

TASSA newsletter: The Bridge

The Bridge is a bimonthly newsletter that informs TASSA members about

- TASSA Board and committee activities
- News and job opportunities from Turkey
- Accomplishments of Turkish scientists and scholars.

The Bridge has more than 3,500 active readers. (http://www.tassausa.org/News-From-TASSA)

TASSA Educational Activities

- TASSA Academy: A future project aimed at bringing junior faculty from Turkish universities and distinguished faculty from US together in instructive workshops
- Workshops: Regional research seminars in various fields bring together TASSA community members and provide great networking opportunities for the attendees.

TASSA Annual Conferences

TASSA Conferences have the objective to establish a forum and create a dynamic platform for many young and experienced American, Turkish, and Turkish-American scientists and scholars to explore and develop new collaborative initiatives. Past conferences were held at:

2012 - Smith School of Business, University of Maryland
2008 - Harvard Medical School
2007 - Yale University
2006 - Drexel University
2005 - George Washington University

(http://www.tassausa.org/Annual-Conferences/2012)

For more information about TASSA visit us at http://www.tassausa.org/