Dear Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to invite you to send an abstract and attend the 38th IAHS World Congress on Housing Science to be held in Istanbul, Turkey on April 16-19, 2012. The International Association for Housing Science has been organizing Congresses all around the world to promote new initiatives in Housing Science, and all its associated disciplines. It is an honor for the Istanbul Technical University to host the 38th World Congress, in the beautiful and historic city of Istanbul.

We look forward to seeing you in the city where two continents meet, and housing and structural methodologies from ancient empires can be witnessed.

Best Regards,

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Conference Theme and Subthemes

Theme  Visions for the Future of Housing: Mega Cities

Subthemes:

1. INNOVATIVE DESIGN;

   Sustainable green buildings; sustainable design; infrastructure; disaster resistant housing;
   Istanbul – a case study for earthquake preparedness; environmental planning,
   planning according to resource optimization, smart cities

2. INNOVATIVE CONSTRUCTION SCHEMES;

   justification for traditional construction; industrialized construction; new methods for infrastructure
and foundations; new materials in construction; energy conservation approaches; restoration of historic structures

3. INNOVATIVE FINANCING SYSTEMS;

minimization of the foreclosures; applications of home equity funds; an universal mortgage system; government backed home loans; universal home insurance systems; financing of disaster relief shelters.

4. EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT FOR HOUSING PROJECTS;

sustainable programs; self-help concept in action; to secure the quality of life in the housing neighbourhoods; climate change and the future of public housing; optimization of open spaces

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