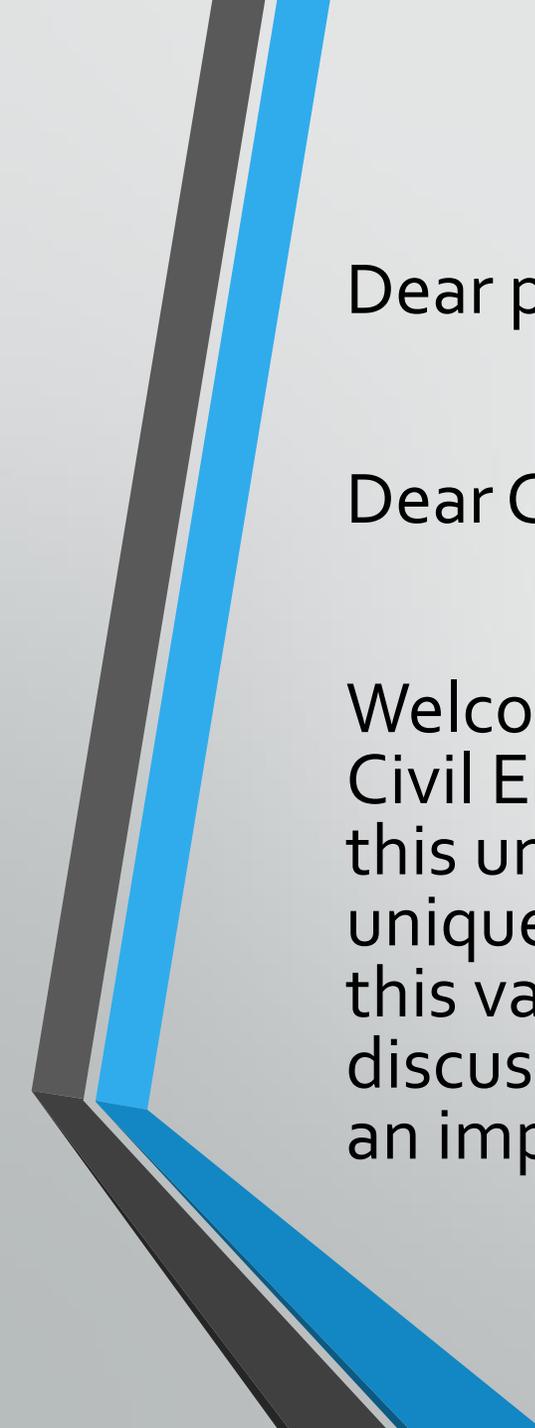


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- **EUROPEAN COUNCIL OF
CIVIL ENGINEERS 65th
GENERAL MEETING**



CEMAL GOKCE
PRESIDENT of TCCE



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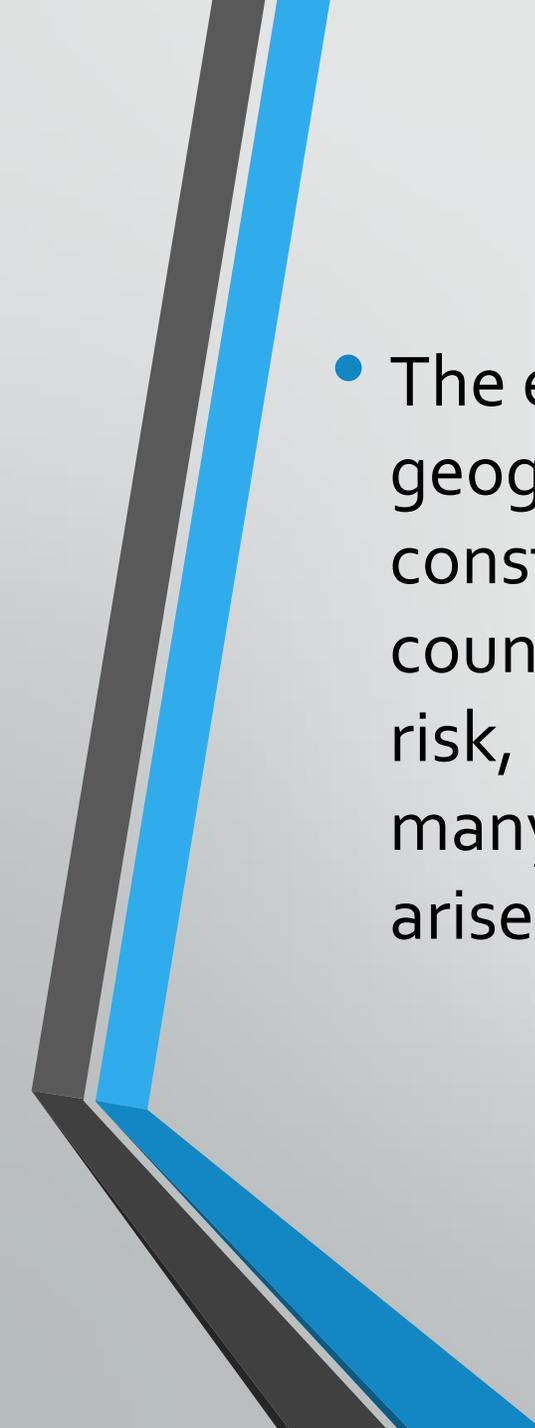
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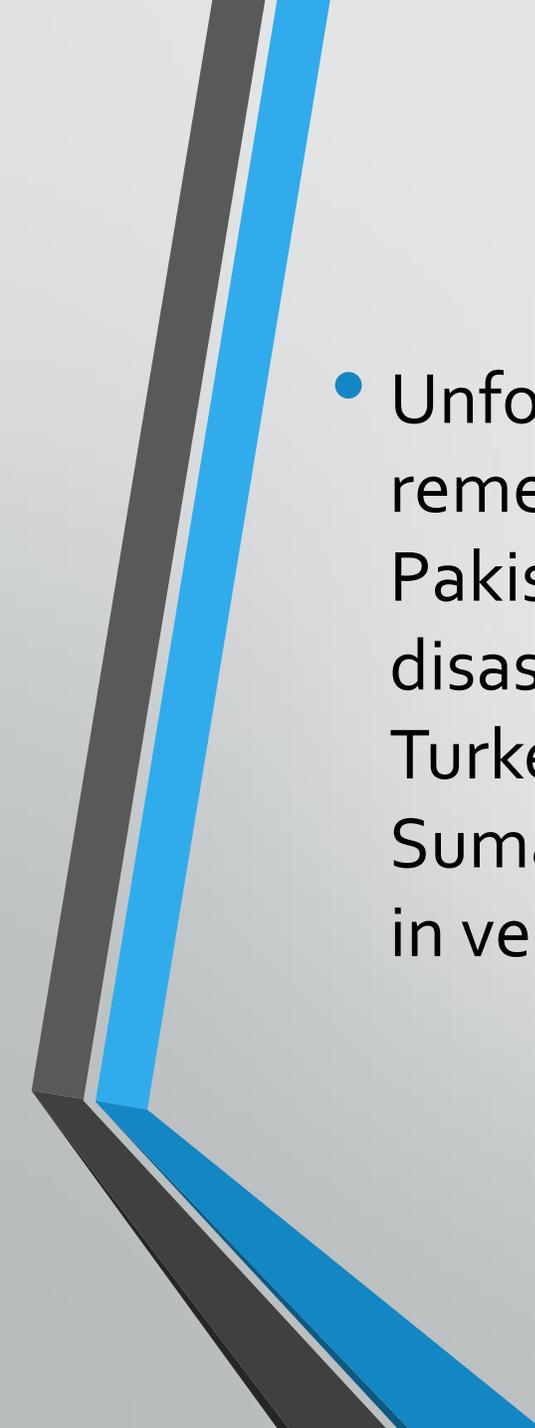
Welcome to the 65th General Meeting of the European Council of Civil Engineers. We are very pleased to welcome you in Antalya. In this unique geography where civilizations, cultures intersect and unique beauty, we find it very valuable to collect the members of this valuable profession in our city. We know the topics to be discussed here and the decisions to be taken so that they will form an important bridge tomorrow.

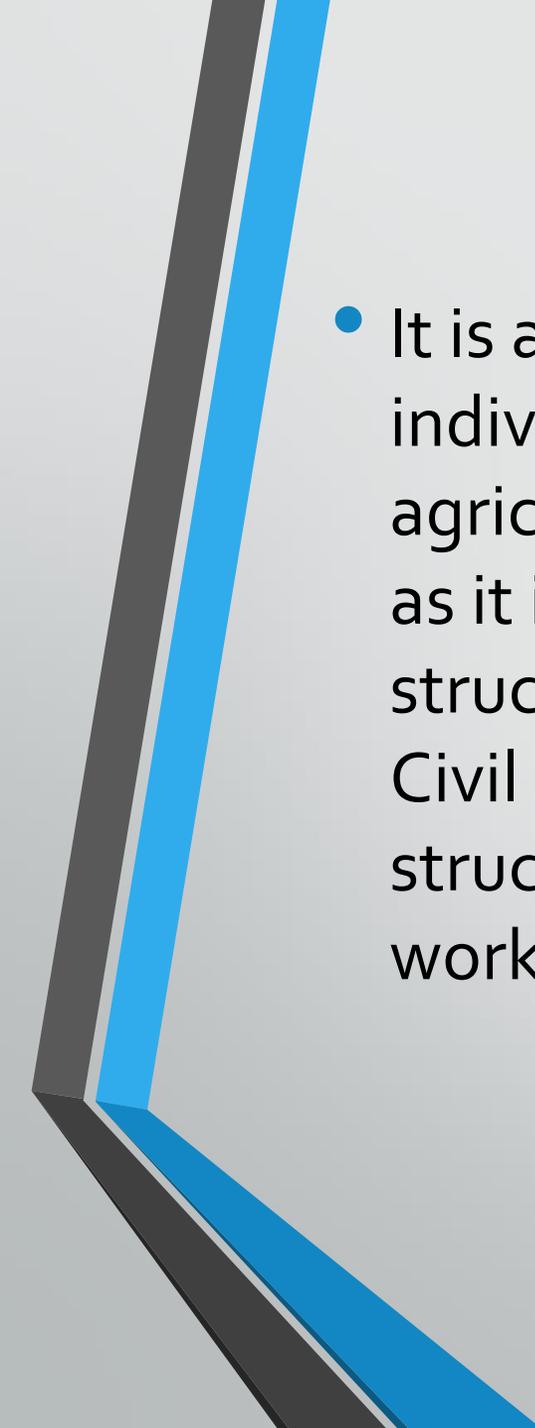


Dear Colleagues,

Civil engineering profession is a universal profession, closely related to the human and human communities all of the world.

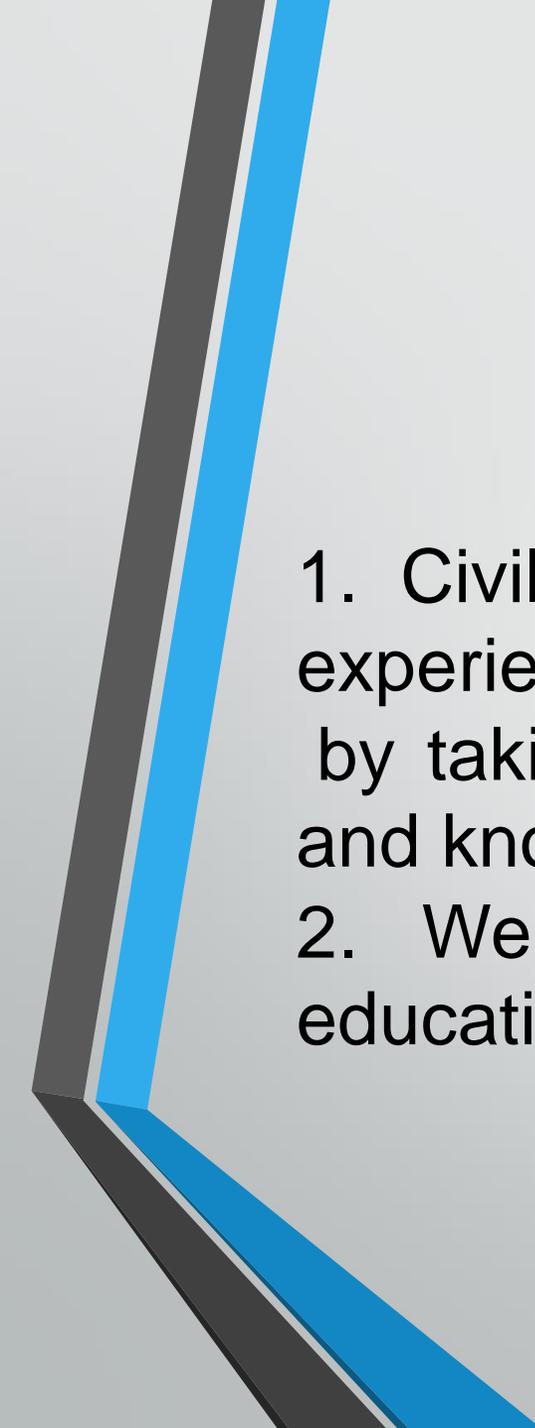
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- The earthquakes have created a huge threat to our entire geography in throughout history. It has caused not only the constructions but also the collapse of the civilizations. In our country where a great majority of our lands are under earthquake risk, more than 100 people have lost their lives in the last century, many people have been injured and huge economic losses have arisen.

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- Unfortunately, the power of nature movements is over time. You remember the earthquake in Kobe in Japan, the other earthquake in Pakistan, Katrina Hurricane that hit the USA and the flood disaster in France in recent history. The Marmara earthquake in Turkey, where more than 20 thousand people lost their lives, Sumatra earthquake and the subsequent tsunami, which resulted in very serious loss of life and property.

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- It is also of utmost importance that the structures produced individually in urbanization, industrialization, transportation, agriculture and energy fields create a livable environment as safe as it is. In addition to being planned at the same time, these structures must also be respectful of natural and cultural assets. Civil engineers are not only concerned with the safety of structures. The preservation of natural and historical assets also works to create a livable healthy environment



For this reason, as the Chamber of Civil Engineers, civil engineering services must be in the public interest and contribute more to the development of civilization. For this;

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1. Civil Engineers are aiming to continuously improve their experience and knowledge and to exercise more authority by taking responsibility according to their level of experience and knowledge.
 2. We are making every effort to develop engineering education in universities on scientific and contemporary scale.



3. We are investigating the problems that the investments made in the world, country and city scale are revealed by conveying the necessary information and developments to our members with our publications which publish in academic, technical and social quality



4. We regularly hold discussions and promotional meetings at national and international level with such events as Earthquake, Transportation, Concrete, Coastal and Port structures, Geotechnical, Steel Structures, Infrastructure, Hydraulic Constructions- Water Policies, Construction Management.



5. We contribute to the formation and formation of professional norms and standards

6. We continuously organize vocational training courses and seminars on matters related to our profession.

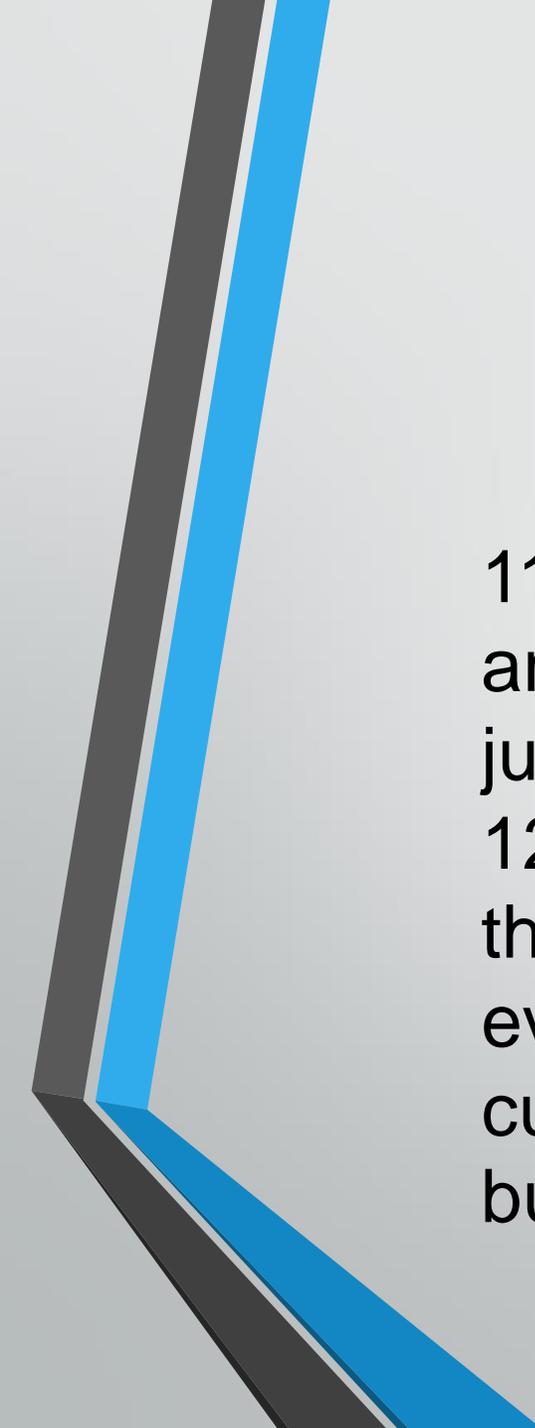
7. We seek to solve student problems on the one hand while we work for civil engineering students and on the other hand we aim to earn professional responsibility from the student years.



8. Our members have professional, legal and conscientious responsibilities towards collecting. We follow the necessary sanctions by monitoring whether they fulfill these responsibilities

9. Taking into account the authority given to us by our establishment, we are trying to prevent unfair competition among our members.

10. We are involved in all kinds of formal and private organizations for the protection and development of the professional, social and economic rights and interests of our colleagues

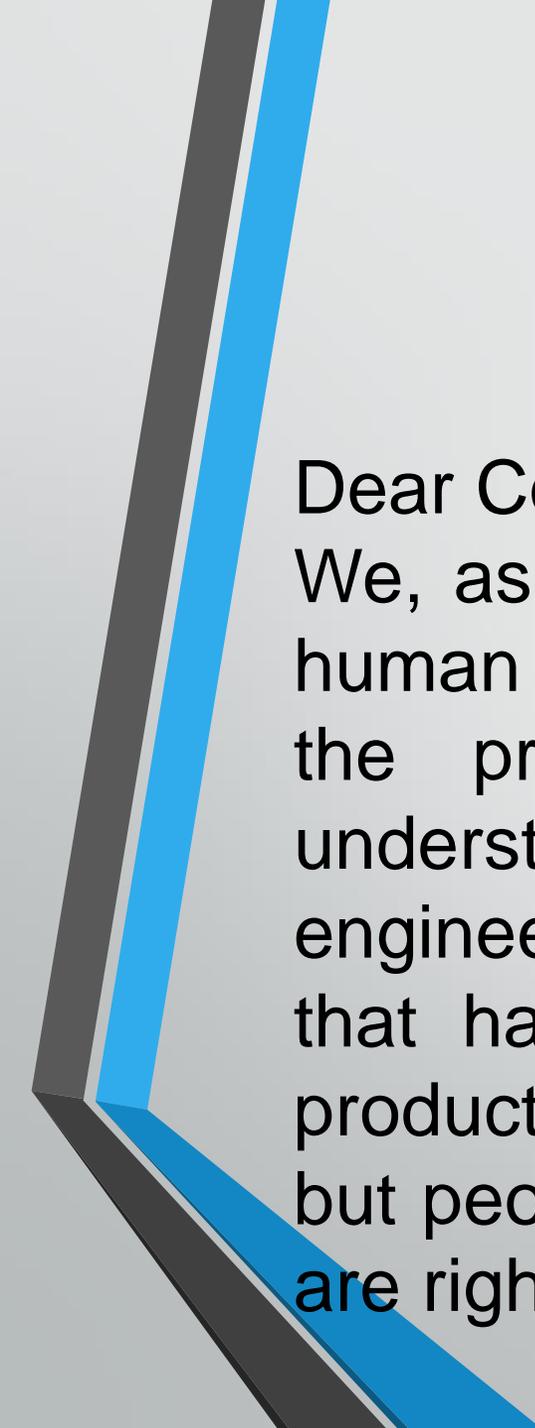


11. We are doing the necessary work on expertise and arbitration for the applications of persons, institutions or judges.

12. We monitor the projects and practices of our towns throughout the country carefully and inform the public by evaluating the technical, social, political, economic, cultural, environmental and historical effects of the building.



13. We inform the public by giving the necessary information about the conclusions that natural disasters or disasters that are caused to be caused by the technology to disasters have occurred, with the civil engineers to a large population.

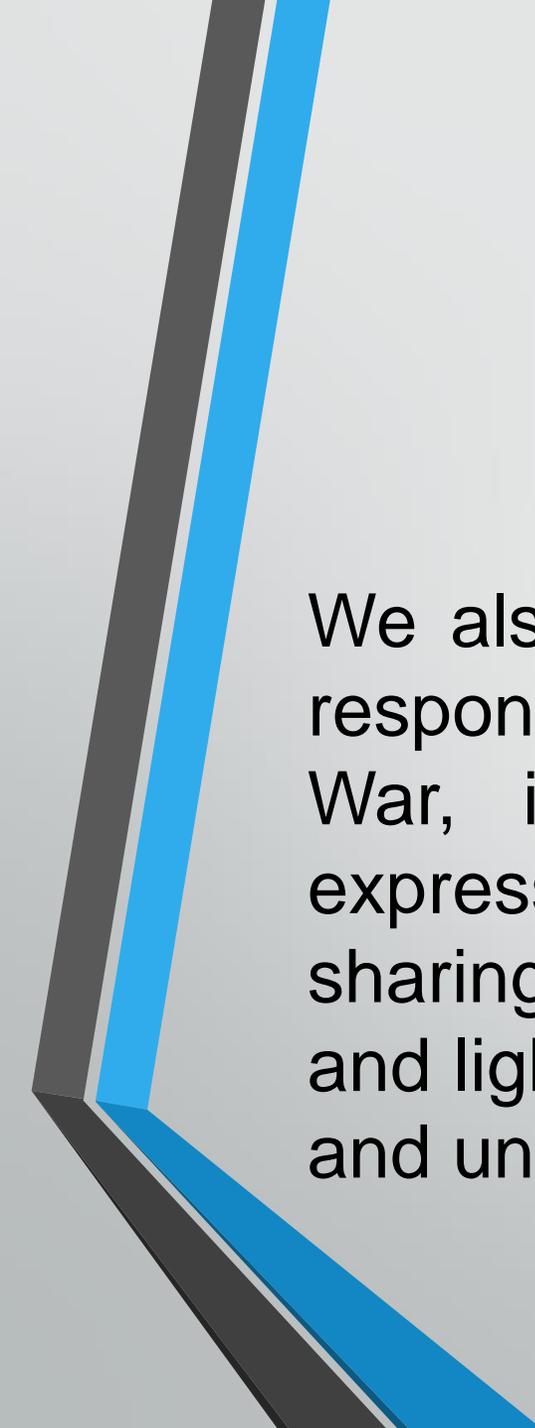


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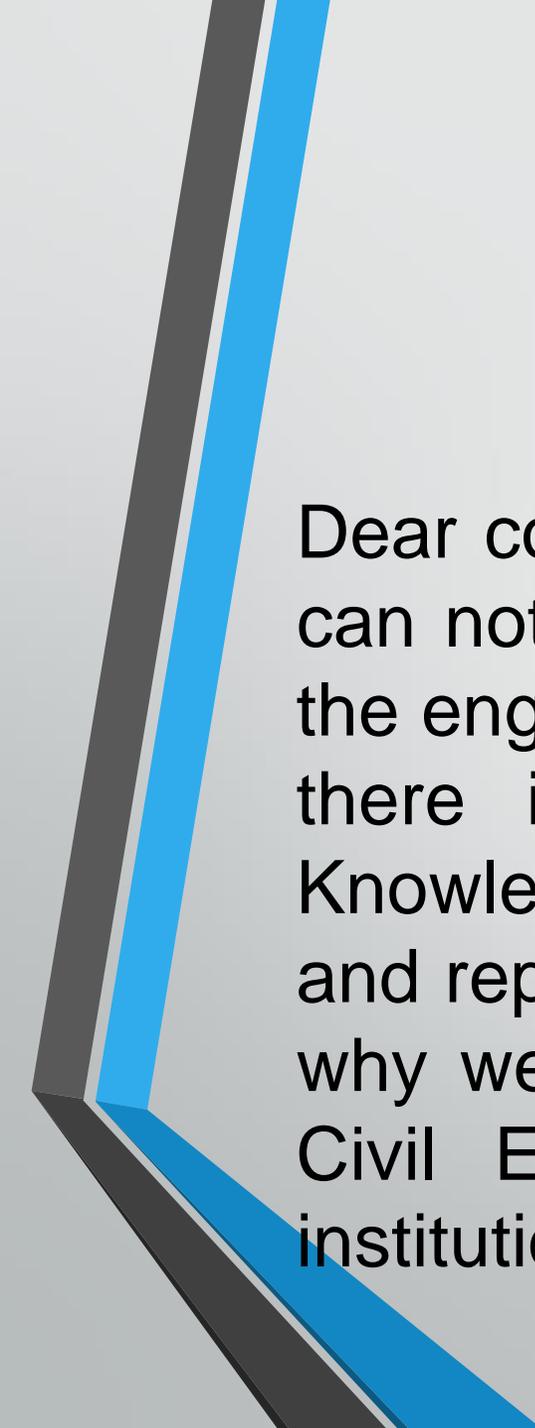
We, as our Turkish colleagues, think that besides the struggle of human beings in the face of the events of nature, in the solution of the problems that people live with, there must be an understanding for civilization and tolerance. We know that engineers have an effective responsibility in the social changes that have to occur in the triangle of science, technology and production. Civil engineers are not just people who make them, but people who produce services by thinking that these resources are right in future generations of resources.



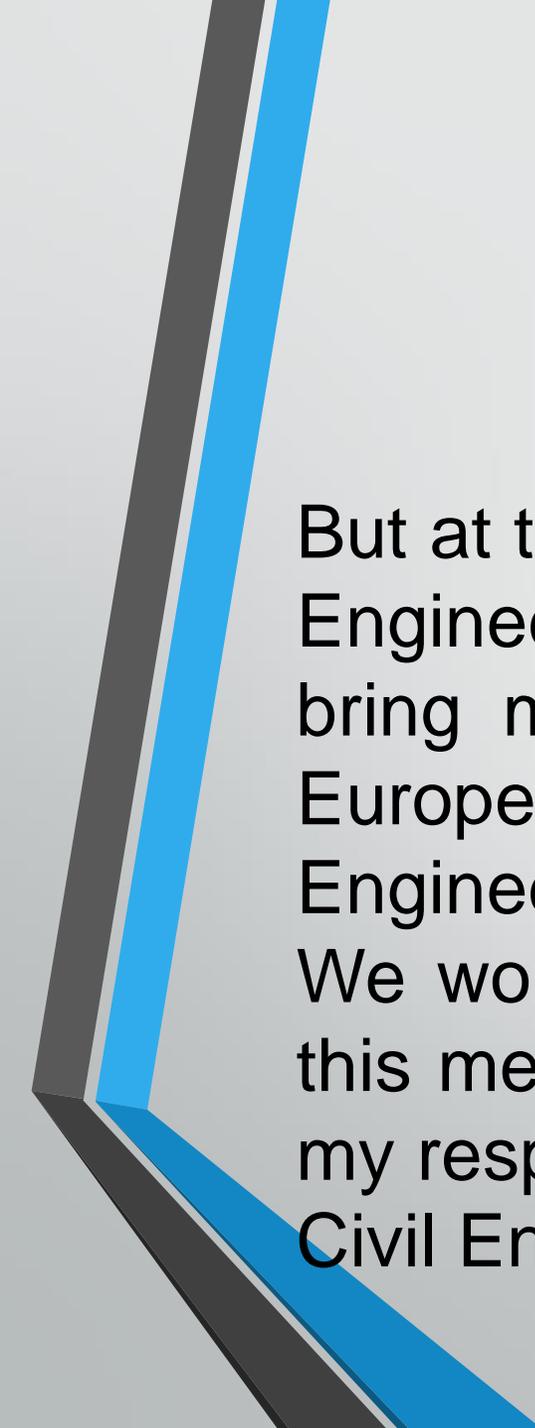
We do not want to be confronted as a demolition material that we produce in the process of building the infrastructure of civilization. We do not want demolition, not only structural damage, but also the wrong and dysfunctional investments and the resources and societies accumulated by society to turn into an environmental disaster.



We also know that we are responsible for our occupational responsibilities as well as for being intelligent. Therefore; War, injustice, inequality, poverty and exploitation. We express in all conditions that we are sides of peace, equality, sharing, solidarity, democracy, freedom, civilization, science and light. We underline that we are all parties to human rights and universal principles of law.



Dear colleagues, Despite everything, we believe that what we can not do is more than what we do. Because we know that the engineering practices and problems are universal and that there is a universal unity and solidarity against them. Knowledge and organizational experiences are reproduced and reproduced to the extent that they can be shared. That is why we attach great importance to the European Council of Civil Engineers. We know that we will get a lot from institutional ECCE, and organizations that make up ECCE



But at the same time, we believe that the Turkish Chamber of Civil Engineers, which has been producing services for 63 years, will bring much to the ECCE. For a more efficient and productive European Council of Civil Engineers, Turkish Chamber of Civil Engineers is ready to undertake its duties.

We would like to repeat what we are so much happy as hosting this meeting. I wish my ECCE meeting to be a success, I offer all my respects on behalf of the 45th Annual Board of the Chamber of Civil Engineers.



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