



PRESS RELEASE:

The International Kangaroo Mathematics Association (AKSF) held its 33rd Congress in Istanbul.

The Congress opened with remarks by Istanbul Provincial Director of National Education Assoc. Prof. Dr. Murat Mücahit Yentür and brought together 226 mathematicians from 100 countries. Following the opening session—also attended by Pendik District Director of National Education Mr. Ertan Saygın and Mr. Kurtuluş Arıkan from Nazmi Arıkan Fen Bilimleri Educational Institutions—the working sessions began to select the questions for the Kangaroo Mathematics Competition to be administered worldwide in 2026. Elections for the association's president and board members were also held during the congress at the Green Park Hotel Istanbul.

In his opening speech, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Murat Mücahit Yentür emphasized the importance of mathematics and science education, noting that scientific knowledge gains meaning when combined with human values. Expressing his wish that the congress and its outcomes benefit students in our country, Mr. Yentür highlighted the importance of early childhood education for ages 4–6 and discussed practices aimed at further supporting talented students in later years.

At the meeting where the president and board were elected, Prof. Dr. Meike Akveld was chosen as President of the Association, while Turkey's representative, Mr. Özgür Özdemir, and Brazil's representative Cristina Diaz were elected to the AKSF Board of Directors.

The Congress continued with a presentation by Prof. Dr. Meike Akveld, a faculty member at ETH Zürich, and concluded on Sunday, October 19. Aiming to help students enjoy mathematics through fun and creative problems, the Kangaroo Mathematics Association organizes an international mathematics competition and activities for students and teachers each year in 114 countries, engaging nearly 7 million students.

In our country, Kangaroo Mathematics competitions have been held since 2014, reaching hundreds of thousands of students and aiming to contribute to mathematics education. As the AKSF Turkey Representation, which organized the Congress and also runs the Kangaroo Mathematics competitions, we are proud to host an international congress of this scale and wish for the Congress to benefit all our students and teachers.

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