

## PREFACE

Since 1978, Turkish Coal Congress' have been realized in Zonguldak in every two years. It is the first time it will be held in Bartın-Amasra which is one of the most beautiful touristic towns on the Black Sea Cost.

The Organizing Committee decided to move the Congress to Bartın-Amasra for several reasons. Firstly, Amasra has a considerable amount of hardcoal reserves and some people think that these reserves may be utilized in powerplants to be built in this area. Taking into account all the aspects of coal, energy and environment, we think that it would be better to discuss this matter in a panel that is titled "Position of the Zonguldak -Bartın Area in terms of the coal and Energy Strategies of 2000s" with the authorized local people, academicians and experts from the coal sector. Secondly, we aim to provide a few nice days at these historical and touristic places for coal mining entrepreneurs who currently have really serious bottlenecks.

The scientific and technological developments practiced in national and international coal mining are to be introduced for the utilization in the coal industry through the presentation of 31 papers of 24 indigeneous and of 7 foreign origin.

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