



SPORTS FEST 2007



Dear Sir/Madam,

The Sports Committee of Boğaziçi (Bosphorus) University is pleased to inform you of the 27th forthcoming Sports Festival (named as "Sports Fest 2007") to be held between May 17th and 20th of 2007.

The Annual International Sports Festival has been a long-standing traditional feature of the life and culture at Boğaziçi University. Formerly known as Robert College, the history of the University dates back to 1863, as the first American institution of higher education established outside the USA. Situated on a hill-top overlooking the Bosphorus, the University enjoys a reputation of being one of the most distinguished higher education establishments in Turkey and the Middle East. The University is a member of a network of universities across Europe and the USA with whom there is a dynamic student exchange program.

The University has since 1896, when the University Athletics Association was first established (subsequently renamed the "Sports Committee" as it is known today) in which year the first sports event on campus was held, been doing this organization. Field Day as it was known then has continued under its new name of "Sports Fest". This much established and cherished event is probably one of the most significant and symbolic activities for students since this provides a perfect ground for bringing together sportspersons from across the globe in a spirit of competitiveness and friendship. Many universities who in the past took part in "Sports Fest" have repeatedly come back for what turns out each spring to be a wonderful opportunity to take part in competitive sports while striking new friendships. Would you care to join us this coming May in what, we promise, will be all the more fun with your presence and participation?

The Annual International Sports Fest kicks off on May 17th with the opening ceremony that will be followed by three successive days of competitions held in all together 20 different branches of sports –ranging from American football, aikido, badminton, basketball, sailing, fencing, handball, outdoor volley, rowing, soccer, step, swimming, table tennis, taekwondo, tennis, track & field, triathlon, volleyball, water polo (men only) and wrestling(men only)- hosted in venues across the University campus. We promise that it will not be all sweat and pain 27th Sports Fest will provide plenty of social occasions, parties, live concerts, excursions as well as a boat trip on the Bosphorus for those participants who wish to recuperate in no less a demanding fashion. Sports Fest shall conclude on May 20th, by when none of you will probably wish to leave Istanbul! Since it's on May, this year Sports Fest will be even more fun than past years. Number of participants, number of audience will multiple. Despite all the fun, Sports Fest remains a competitive sports event where teams and individuals shall be competing with each other under the watchful eye of professional referees invited from respective federations.



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Our guests will be welcomed at Istanbul airport by their guides. We will be providing accommodation, which we'll inform you when you fill out your application and which will require no extra charge, as well as breakfast and other meals in University canteens. A participation fee of 150 Euros will be required from each participant to cover expenses 4 days' accommodation, all your meals, local transportation, health insurance, security, the boat trip and other social entertainments, activities and concerts. Any damage on the property will be charged. Applications are due on 20th of April.

Please visit our website at the following address, **<http://www.sportscommittee.com>**, you will find the photos of the previous SportsFests which will help you to feel the atmosphere of the Festival.

We would very much like to see you among us this coming May in Istanbul. Your participation will not only help to make the events even more competitive but perhaps most importantly more fun and enjoyable.

Hope to see you in May...

Best wishes.

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