



Marie Curie Alumni Association MCAA Turkish Chapter

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INFODAY ROADSHOW EVENT

What is MCAA?

- open to any past or present **Marie Curie researcher**,
Research Networks (**ITN**)
Individual Fellowships (**IF**)
Research and Innovation Staff Exchanges (**RISE**)
The European Researchers' Night (**NIGHT**)
Co-funding of regional, national and international programmes
- free of charge



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What does MCAA do?



We envision a future in which knowledge will be used to benefit society

We support, and contribute to, the advancement of knowledge for a global, diverse, and informed society.

MCAA connects researchers throughout Europe, and around the world, to enable international transdisciplinary collaborations.

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How is MCAA organized ?



STRUCTURE

Chapters

Turkish,
Austrian,
African,
French,
Brazilian,
Chinese,

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Working Groups

Bridging Science
and Business,
Policy,
Career
Development,
Information and
Data Access,

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Research Area Groups

Cancer Research,
Climate Change,
Humanities,
Life Sciences,
Chemistry,
Natural Product,

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General Interest

New Evaluation
Index
Settling in A
New Country
Researcher's
Mobility,

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MCAA Turkish Chapter?



- Represent MCAA and members are;
 - Turkish MSCA fellows
 - MSCA fellows hosted in Turkey
- Establishment Date: May 2018

Founding Chair: Prof. Gözde Ünal (İTÜ)
Vice Chair: Prof. Güneş Karabulut Kurt (İTÜ)
Dr. Antonino Puglisi (İTÜ)
Secretary: Assist. Prof. Ceyhun Arslan (KÜ)
Dr. Alper Gürarслан (İTÜ)
Treasurer: Assist. Prof. Emel Topuz (GTÜ)





MARIE CURIE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TURKISH CHAPTER MEETING

03.08.18 - İTÜ AYAZAĞA CAMPUS SÜLEYMAN DEMİREL CONFERENCE CENTER



Welcome

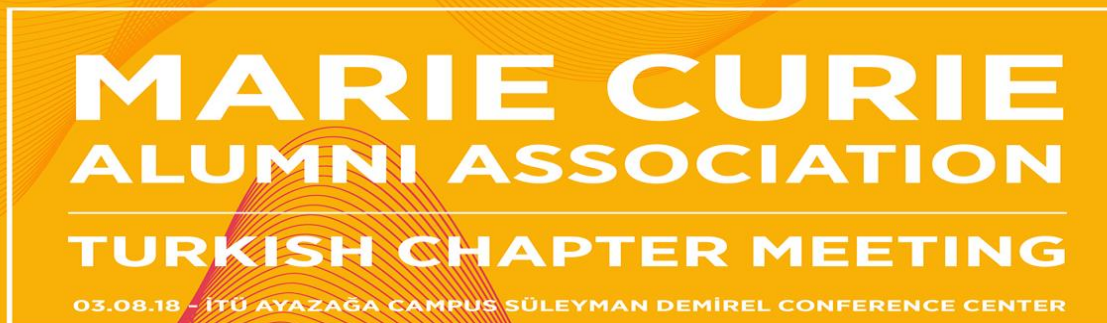
Prof Dr Gözde Ünal, MCAA Turkish Chapter Chair

- *When she received Career Award from MCAA, she is asked to found Turkish Chapter*
- *EU values MSCA fellow community in Turkey since they are mostly Professors*



Dr Matthew DiFranco, MCAA Chair

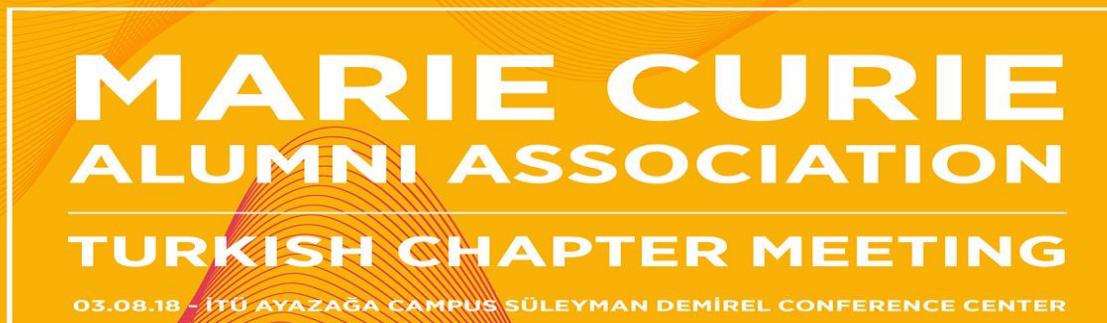
- *Found in Brussels in 2012*
- *To become voice of researchers*
- *Most activities happen in the local level*



What's new with Horizon Europe?

Dr Matthew DiFranco, MCAA Chair

- **Micro grants** up to 2 per year
 - career development travel, open access publishing, educational publishing etc.
- **MCAA pillars**—innovation, networking, career development, communication (careers not just in academia but also in industry)
- **Communication events** — Science slams, European Researchers' Night
- **Entrepreneurship and research**—How can researchers benefit from entrepreneurship
- **TranSkills** — Training on transferable skills. Writing successful ERC application, protecting intellectual property, how to write CV for academia and industry; microgrants for trainers to come to Istanbul.



What's new with Horizon Europe? - *Dr Matthew DiFranco, MCAA Chair*

FP9 Position Paper – Some key topics include:

- Inform current researchers about their career prospects—careers not just in academia but also in other fields. Also academic fields in other countries
- Provide mental health services for researchers
- Find ways to better fund humanities and social sciences and integrate social sciences and humanities into research. Humanities a crucial component of technical research and vice versa
- Help displaced researchers
- Ensure gender equality and diversity. EC needs to be critical of institutions who do not advocate gender equality and diversity



Goals - MCAA Turkish Chapter



- Increasing the visibility of the MCAA Turkish Chapter on a local and global scale and attract researchers to Turkey through MCSA;
- Raise awareness about EU-funding opportunities for both early-stage and middle stage researchers;
- Reach out and communicate to society on science and research;
- Promote social science research and integrate social science and humanities research into engineering projects;
- Create multi/transdisciplinary working groups for networking and collaboration on pressing issues such as sustainable development, artificial intelligence, and global economic problems.
- Promoting foreign researchers to apply to MSCA funding to be based in Turkey.

MCAA General Assembly Feb 2019

- 60 countries, 820 registrations Vienna

Highlighted Topics;

- *Transition from Academia to Industry*

Career Development Path, Behind the Scene of A Business Venture,
How to Start a Start-Up, Branding Yourself

- *Work Place Harrastment*
- *Mental Health of Researchers*
- *Future of Research*
Shortages in funding, lack of long-term career prospects, bullying
- *Science Diplomacy*
- *Refugees in Higher Educations*



Scientific Topics;

- Artificial Intelligence
- Quantum Frontier
- Circular Economy



MCAA Turkish Chapter Annual Meeting



Date: 21st June 2019

Venue: Istanbul Technical University (Maslak)

Keynote speaker: How to be a successful scientist (Prof Yusuf Yagci)

Experiences with ERC projects

Aslı Vural (TUBİTAK)

Emrah Göker (Koc University)

Establishing Working Groups for different scientific areas

Please register before 30 May 2019 by sending e-mail to: emeltopuz@gtu.edu.tr

THANK YOU