

4th INTERNATIONAL FURNITURE AND DECORATION CONGRESS CONCLUDING REMARKS

The 4th International Furniture and Decoration Congress hosted by Düzce University Vocational School and the Faculties of Forestry and Technology on "The Importance of University-Industry Collaboration and Institutional Development in the Furniture Industry" organized in Düzce 19-21 October 2017 was concluded as planned.

The Congress included the opening session, academic sessions, University-Industry Business Association panels and mini-fair activities, as well as technical and social excursions.

On Thursday, 19.10.2017, at 9:30 am, following the National Anthem, the 4th International Furniture and Decoration Congress was opened with a speech by the Congress Organizing Committee Chairman and Head of the Material Processing Technologies Department of the Düzce University Vocational School, Furniture and Decoration Program Instructor Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ayhan AYTİN.



Respect and National Anthem



Introduction speech: Congress Organizing Committee Chairman Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ayhan AYTİN

Associate Professor Dr. Ayhan AYTİN's UMDK2017 Opening Speech Text:

Respected Mr. Governor, Mr. Mayor, Madam Rector, Mr. General Manager, valued representatives of our furniture and woodworking industry, esteemed academicians, dear students and dear guests and press representatives, welcome to the 4th International Furniture and Decoration Congress entitled "The Importance of University-Industry Collaboration and Institutional Development in the Furniture Industry" organized by Düzce University Vocational School and the Faculties of Forestry and Technology. Before I begin my speech, I salute our July 15 martyrs and veterans, as well as all our martyrs and veterans.

Sector reports show that the volume of transactions in the furniture trade has significantly increased in recent years, which is also true for our country. Although we are not in the order of 16-18th in world furniture transaction volume, we see that our transaction figure is in the 1-2% growth range. This actually shows that we have a long way to go and a lot of work to do. We all work a lot. We must be aware of each other. We must realize the power that surrounds us and is standing next to us. I think that our esteemed academics and industrialists have a lot to say Sometimes you have a very short time to make a decision. Lightning strikes your head and at that moment everything is completely different. So it was for the convention. When we were on the way to present at our 3rd National Furniture Congress in Konya, it was not even the least bit in our minds to conduct the next Congress in Düzce. My roommate, forgive me, was in terrible pain (my dear teacher Cengiz), and he was having difficulty talking. At one point he had a conversation with Ayhan and said we should do the next Congress. We wanted it, and we're here now. The main philosophy of the Congress was formed in Konya.

The representatives of the companies in the furniture sector should meet with the academic faction and express their views by bringing together scholarly studies of academicians working in different disciplines for the Furniture Sector, exchanging knowledge and experiences and preparing the groundwork on a continuous basis, and thus, reinforcing bonds that can meet expectations. This gave rise to the basic philosophy of the Congress, with the theme "The Importance of University-Industry Cooperation and Institutionalization".

The conference was not just about the work of academicians, but we also have included our industrialists in the academic sessions and we have prepared a special session tomorrow (Friday at 14.00).

We have created booths, supported by us and the Congress, to exhibit the products of very valued companies. Following your lunch, our booths and our academic sessions wait for you at the university's Atatürk Culture and Education Center.

We in Düzce, midway between Istanbul and Ankara, thank our esteemed colleagues who helped us to come together in our 4th International Furniture and Decoration Congress. Kelebek Furniture has always been important for Düzce, but it is more important today. The new Düzce Kelebek Furniture is even more impressive.

Kelebek Furniture, Kastamonu Entegre, Aquacool-Dual Paint, Divapan Entegre, Hasel Teknik Wood, Turna Wood, Samet, AİMSAD, Düzce Chamber of Commerce and Industry, I thank you for not leaving us alone in this beautiful organization.

The Congress opening program continued with speeches by Düzce University Rector Prof. Dr. Nigar Demircan ÇAKAR and the Director of the Düzce University Vocational School, Prof. Dr. Ayhan ŞAMANDAR. Mr. Kenan AKYÜZ, Head of the Department of Business and Marketing of the General Directorate of Forestry, gave information about the "General Directorate of Forestry Activities", focusing on the furniture sector.

Deputy-Governor Mr. Huseyin BAĞCI and Düzce Mayor Mr. Dursun AY continued with the protocol speeches.



Prof. Dr. Ayhan ŞAMANDAR Prof. Dr. Nigar DEMİRCAN ÇAKAR Mr. Kenan AKYÜZ

Following the protocol speeches, Doğtaş-Kelebek proprietor Mr. Davut DOĞAN gave a talk on "Industrial Development and Institutionalization in the Furniture Sector" and Director of Brand and Corporate Communication at Kastamonu Entegre, Mr. Ferhat Naci GÜNGÖR, talked on " From Kastamonu to Beverly Hills: A Success Story".

After the opening session speeches, certificates of appreciation and plaques were presented to the representatives of the institutions and organizations participating in the Congress.

University-Industry Business Association Panel - 1- (19.10.2017)

The opening program of the Congress continued with the 1st University-Industry Business Association Panel which took place with four invited speakers.

Prof. Dr. Ahmet KURTOGLU from Doğuş University participated as chairman of the panel which included Gazi University Prof. Dr. Abdullah SÖNMEZ, who spoke on "Contributions to Vocational Technical Education and University-Industry Collaboration", Oklahoma State University Professor Salim HIZIROĞLU, who talked about "Utilized Composite Panels Manufactured from Under Utilized Wood and Non-Wood Species for Furniture Production", and General Manager of Divapan Entegre, Mr. Hakan ZENGİN, who gave a speech on " MDF and the Particle Board Sector Today and in the Future".

Prof. Dr. Mehmet Hakan AKYILDIZ Commemoration Program

We regret the loss of Prof. Dr. Mehmet Hakan AKYILDIZ.

In memory of our late colleague Prof. Dr. Mehmet Hakan AKYILDIZ, who left our company on August 25, 2017, and in recognition of his professional values, respect for dignity, and hard work, the Congress Organizing Committee Chairman presented a memorial plaque of appreciation on his behalf to Kastamonu University Faculty Member Assist. Prof. Dr. H. Ismail KESİK, who had been a colleague of our late professor.

Finally, the "Congress Opening Program Photograph" was taken of the group.

The 4th International Furniture and Decoration Congress continued on Thursday, 19 October at 14:00 at the Atatürk Culture and Education Center of Düzce University with a tour of the exhibition booth areas and the holding of the simultaneous academic sessions.

At the 4th International Furniture and Decoration Congress, along with the exhibitions of AİMSAD (Woodworking Machinery and Side Industries Businessmen Association) and TECHNOPARK, color was added with the booths opened for their activities by Kelebek Furniture, Aquacool-Dual Paint, Divapan, Kastamonu Entegre, Samet AŞ, Hasel Teknik Wood, Turna Wood, Sancaklı AŞ and Be-Mi Toy companies.

The diversity of the activities has helped to develop strong ties, bringing together new acquaintances and invitations between the representatives of the sector companies and academicians.

University-Industry Business Association Panel -2- (20.10.2017)

The 2nd of the University-Industry Business Association panels, which aimed to strengthen the ties between academicians and industry and to further their cooperation, took place on 20.10.2017 with the participation of representatives of the major industrial institutions and organizations of our country as speakers.

Kastamonu Entegre Adana Factory Director Mr. Ergin TURAN, Mr. Mete AKTER, Aquacool-Dual Paint proprietor, Mr. Mesut SANCAKLI, Sancaklı AŞ proprietor, Mr. Burak ÖZMENEKŞE from Samet AŞ and Mr. Arif Onur KAÇAK, Secretary General of AİMSAD, participated as panel speakers.

Chairman of the Session Kastamonu Entegre Adana Factory Director Mr. Ergin TURAN led a very useful and productive panel.

At the end of the panel, appreciation plaques and certificates were presented to the speakers by the academicians.

After the 5th and 6th academic sessions of the Congress were carried out, the 2nd day program ended with a farewell dinner at the Saydam Restaurant and Wedding Hall. Participants at the dinner enjoyed the folklore show of the "horon" and Caucasus dances performed by the Black Sea Folklore Troup.

The 3rd Day of the Congress started with a technical tour of the Düzce Kelebek Furniture factory. Following the technical tour, the participants concluded the program with an outing to Abant.

At the 4th International Furniture and Decoration Congress, a total of 144 papers were presented, including 138 oral presentations in 24 sessions and 6 poster presentations in one session.

Distribution of the presentations according to the Congress topics is given in Table 1.

Table 1. Distribution according to the titles of the presentations.

Congress Topics	Presentations (Number)	Amount (%)
Design & Construction	32	22
Quality Assurance, & Work Standards	4	2.7
Materials	65	45
Business Administration, Management & Marketing	19	13
University Industrial Relations	3	2
Other Areas	21	14.3

At the Farewell Dinner the participating academicians present also held a closing session meeting. Although the Congress closing session was not carried out as planned (due to the prolonged panels), the participants present at the farewell dinner highlighted the following points about the future of the Congress and decided that they should be shared/announced.

1. For the continuation of the "International" identity of the Congress, the next Congress will be called the **"5th International Furniture and Decoration Congress"**.

2. **The 5th International Furniture and Decoration Congress**, in the academic year 2018, will be organized by the Interior Architecture Department of Anadolu University Faculty of Architecture and Design.

3. The subjects and themes of the Congress are directed to the fields listed below, but proposals to be made by the advisory board and the academic committee shall also be taken into consideration:

- ✓ Software and information,
- ✓ Industry 4.0,
- ✓ Management and organization
- ✓ Business and marketing,
- ✓ Design, Ur-Ge, R & D
- ✓ Materials Science,
- ✓ Construction,
- ✓ Acoustics,
- ✓ Textiles and upholstery,
- ✓ Lighting,
- ✓ Surface treatments,
- ✓ Accessories and equipment,

- ✓ Environmental impact,
- ✓ Brand and patenting,
- ✓ University-industry associations,
- ✓ City furniture, etc., according to context

4. It was decided to form an Advisory Board for the 5th International Furniture and Decoration Congress.

The 5th International Furniture and Decoration Congress Advisory Board

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Thanks

We would like to thank all the participants, public and private sector representatives, sponsoring firms and organizations, firms that opened booths, student visitors and the Congress Organizing Committee for their contributions to the 4th International Furniture and Decoration Congress.

We greet all of our stakeholders with the hope of coming together again at the next Congress in order to achieve higher levels of university-industry collaboration, follow developments in the field of science and technology and contribute to the production of technology in the sector and to bring about better working conditions and returns.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ayhan AYTİN, Chairman
4th International Furniture and Decoration Congress
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