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7. News from the National Groups

Turkey - Many Members of the Turkish Group of IABSE have attended the 'Seismic Isolation Symposium' held at the Middle East Technical University, Ankara', Feb. 28-March 1, 2013. Polat Gülkan, former Chair of the Turkish Group was among the speakers with 'Trial Ground Motions for Seismic Isolation: How many?' IABSE Fellow Mete Gercek and a young group of engineers took the initiative to strongly promote IABSE to the 275 participants. [More..](#)

Turkish Group of IABSE

At the Seismic Isolation Methods and Practices Symposium, Ankara, 2013

Many Turkish Group Members of IABSE have attended the Seismic Isolation Methods and Practices Symposium held at the Cultural and Congress Center of Middle East Technical University between February 28 and March 1, 2013. The former Chair of the Turkish Group of IABSE, Prof. Polat Gülkan was among the speakers with a presentation titled "Trial Ground Motions for Seismic Isolation: How many?" The attendance at the symposium was about 275 participants, and the Turkish Group distributed the SEI journal and brochures related to the activities of IABSE. Many participants visited the IABSE stand. Young engineers, Mustafa Can Yücel (Ph.D. Candidate); Gizem Mestav Sarıca (MS Student), Muge Ozgenoglu (MS Student); Ali Naghshine (Ph.D Candidate); Gizem Can (MS Student) and Nefize Saban (Ph.D Student) informed the visitors about the future educational activities of the Turkish Group of IABSE and the Istanbul Bridge Conference in 2014

(www.istanbulbridgeconference.org). IABSE Fellow Dr. Eng. Mete Gercek, was at our stand mostly during the symposium in parallel to his active participation at the symposium and made great efforts to give explanations about IABSE and his 28 year experience with IABSE to the visitors and his contacts. He and our team distributed the 2013 membership forms of IABSE and explained the benefits of becoming a member of IABSE and IABSE's Turkish

Group TKIC, which was founded in 1955. It was a great opportunity for the Turkish Group of IABSE to present its future activities during this two day event.

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