



For immediate release



WFDB Presidents' Meeting – Istanbul, Turkey (16 – 18 June 2013)



Dear WFDB and IDMA members,

With the current riots taking place in Turkey, concern has been expressed regarding the safety of delegates who will be attending the Presidents' Meetings later this month in Istanbul.

The Borsa Istanbul made the following statement after being approached by the WFDB on the subject of the riots:

- There have been some demonstrations in Istanbul Gezi Park of Taksim Square, protesting the demolition of trees in the area.
- We do not expect any problem with the hotel-airport transfers of WFDB and IDMA guests as daily life in Istanbul is going on as usual.
- The protests do not have a dramatic impact on our lives; we are busy working on the preparations for the WFDB and IDMA Presidents' Meeting as we wish to make it a wonderful and memorable event for all and we look forward to welcoming our guests soon.
- The location of our hotel, the airport and the road to the hotel does not take us anywhere close to the area in which the riots took place. None of the excursions being organised will go anywhere close to the troubled areas.

We trust the official response from the Borsa Istanbul puts your mind at ease and we look forward to seeing you in Istanbul in two weeks for a memorable Presidents' meeting.
