



NEWSLETTER OF ASSOCIATION SUISSE TURQUIE

No 38

APRIL 2023

In February, just as we were about to finalize our newsletter edition, the devastating Kahramanmaraş earthquake struck. As a result, our primary concern became how to send some help to the affected regions. In all, about fifteen containers were sent by the association and friends. We are still astonished by the scale of this disaster and are well aware that it will take many many months to restore normalcy in all impacted areas. Please refer to our announcement section for details on organizations diligently working to assist the victims.

In this edition, and in honor of Women's Day celebrated in March, we would like to commemorate a remarkable pioneer in earthquake research in Turkey, Prof. Nuriye Pinar.

Some of you may recall our June 2020 edition, which featured a little girl playing on the floor with her toys, surrounded by her grandmother's formidable friends from Erenköy Girls School. In that edition, we had discussed Cahide Tamer (https://assoctr.ch/?page_id=1820&lang=fr). This time, I would like to introduce another of my grandmother's formidable friends, Nuriye Pinar.

Prof. Nuriye Pinar was Turkey's first female geologist and earthquake specialist. In 1956, she was introduced to the American Senate as the "world's only woman earthquake specialist." According to an anecdote, Nixon jokingly asked her not to create an earthquake in the US when they met.

Awarded a state scholarship, Pinar earned her university degree in geology at the University of Bordeaux, with a minor in chemistry. She collaborated with professors from the universities of Geneva and Grenoble to define and create geological terms in Turkish. Back in Turkey, at the doctoral level, she was supervised by Prof. Parejas of the University of Geneva (who was in Turkey for a three-year period) and specialized in earthquakes. She created the Marmara Sea's fault line map and discovered several other fault lines in the process. Later, she published the Catalogue of Turkey's Earthquake Regions, which is still in use. She also authored a Geological Engineering book for use in structural engineering departments at universities. Her numerous contributions to earthquake research led to her being a frequent speaker at major seminars and conferences worldwide.

Following the 1999 Izmit earthquake, she was the only scientist to draw attention to the fact that seismic energy would move eastward.

I have known this stern but secretly affectionate lady for many years, from my childhood to adulthood. As the Istanbul culture dictated, she never spoke of her achievements, contributions, and international success. Much of what is written in this editorial is a revelation to me as well.

I hope her story will inspire our young members, particularly the girls. Wishing all children a happy holiday and a wonderful Children's Day on April 23.

Edited by Bezen Erkmen-Hong

Please keep us posted on events and news that you would like to share at editorsassosuisseturquie@gmail.com

APRIL AND MAY EVENTS

Association Events

Annual General Meeting– April 24

The keynote speech will be on the history of the association as we are celebrating our 50th anniversary this year.

Trip to Ankara and Konya – April 26 – May 3

This upcoming trip is organized to commemorate the 100th year anniversary of the Republic of Türkiye.

Save the date:

Our Ball: 7 October 2023

For future Association events : www.assocltr.ch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help for the Victims of Seism
assosuisseturquie@gmail.com

“Lausanne Bizim Lozan”

100th year edition is just out. The much-praised book published by our Association is available for purchase at:

Online on our website www.assocltr.ch

And also

on <https://www.abebooks.com/servlet/BookDetailsPL?bi=22298731039&searchurl=sortBy%3D0%26vci%3D601833>

We believe it will be a much-appreciated gift by your friends and family!

Cornucopia Magazine

Our annual sponsor and the source of many events that take place in Turkey and around the world, is now also digital and includes all the past editions.

Subscribe to Cornucopia Magazine in time for the next issue

<http://www.cornucopia.net/store/subscriptions/>

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

Three Members of our Association Were Elected to Grand Conseil in April 2nd Elections

We would like to congratulate our members Murat Julian Adler, Stefan Balaban and François Erard. Grand Conseil d'État de Genève is the parliamentary institution of the Geneva Canton for which the elections are held every four years.

Watches and Wonders Geneva Took Place on March 27

Watches & Wonders Geneva – the largest and most important global watch exhibition since the demise of Baselworld – was held between March 27-April 2. The event is now organized by Watches and Wonders Geneva Foundation (WWGF), a non-profit founded by the Richemont Group, Patek Philippe and Rolex. Originally established in 2005 by Audemars Piguet, Girard-Perregaux and Richemont, WWGF focuses on promoting watchmaking excellence around the world.

Association Suisse-Turquie Organized a Concert on March 24 for the Victims of Seism in Turkey

The classical music concert which was well attended was at Temple de Madeleine. Trio Ayser Vançin, Eric Schmid and Joanna Brzezinska played beautiful pieces from Bach, Mozart, Chopin as well as their own compositions for us.

Celebration of Women's Day by our Association was on March 8

Held at the Cercle de la Terrasse, an institution known in the past as a gentlemen's club, we were joined for lunch by Turkiye's Bern Ambassador Ece Özbayoğlu Acarsoy and General Consul in Geneva İpek Zeytinoğlu Özkan and the founder of "Brave Girls World" Aslıhan Dağistanlı Aysev.

ARTS UPDATE sponsored by Cornucopia Magazine

Exhibitions

Istanbul Film Festival

Until April 18

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/istanbul-film-festival-2023/>

Educate through Experience

Lycée Saint-Joseph, Istanbul

Until May 28

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/educate-by-experience/>

For my Friend

Sadberk Hanım Museum, Istanbul

Until May 31

Emroidered letter and document wallets collection of the museum

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/for-my-friend/>

Occupied City : Politics and Daily Life in Istanbul 1918-1923

Until December 26

Istanbul Research Institute

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/occupied-city/>

Lecture

Ottoman Legislation on Antiquities in the 19th Century

April 18 at 5pm

British Institute at Ankara

In modern times, the Ottoman Empire was one of only a handful of states that pioneered archaeological heritage protection through law. Between 1869 and 1906, the Ottoman state promulgated four special laws on antiquities (asar-ı atika nizamnamesi) aimed at regulating this field in a comprehensive manner. This presentation will discuss the goals of each one of these laws.

<http://www.cornucopia.net/events/ottoman-legislation-on-antiquities-in-the-long-19th-century/>

Rich Pickings from the Cornucopia Bookshop

Blue Guide: Mediterranean Turkey: From Muğla to Antakya, by Paola Pugsley

<https://www.cornucopia.net/store/books/blue-guide-mediterranean-turkey/>

Vol 2 of Impressions of Istanbul: Voyage to Constantinople,

A magnificent compendium of selected titles in the Ömer Koç Collection, covering the years 1821–1850

<https://www.cornucopia.net/store/books/impressions-of-istanbul-voyage-to-constantinople-vol-2/>

For the complete selection: <https://www.cornucopia.net/store/books>

Digital gift subscriptions to Cornucopia <https://shop.exacteditions.com/cornucopia>