

MAIN AND SUB THEMES

Main Theme: Access to Play

Sub Themes:

- WHY PLAY?
- PLAY SPACES
- PLAY AND MEDIA



CONFERENCE VENUE

Conference will take place at Istanbul Technical University Taskisla Campus. Taskisla Campus is located in the heart of the city, at European side of Istanbul, near Taksim.



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WHAT IS IPA?

IPA is the International Play Association: Promoting the Child's Right to Play, an international non-government organization founded in Denmark in 1961. It is interdisciplinary and provides a forum which maintains a focus on children's play, embracing people from a wide range of professions working for and with children across the world.

IPA's purpose is to protect, preserve and promote the child's right to play as a fundamental human right. -Article 31 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

"That every child has the right to rest and leisure, to engage in play and recreational activities appropriate to the age of the child and to participate freely in cultural life and the arts. That member governments shall respect and promote the right of the child to participate fully in cultural and artistic life and shall encourage the provision of appropriate and equal opportunities for cultural, artistic, recreational and leisure activity."



IPA CONFERENCES

IPA's triennial world conferences provide opportunities for the exchange of play experiences world-wide, for the dissemination of information about play, and for promoting the child's right to play in the broader community.

To date conferences with the following themes have taken place:

1961	Copenhagen Playgrounds	(IPA established during this conference)
1964	Zurich	Playgrounds and Play Leadership
1967	London/Liverpool	Recreation and Play
1969	Paris	Adventure and Creative Play
1972	Vienna	Play and Creativity
1975	Milan	Adventure Playgrounds and Children's Creativity
1978	Ottawa	Play in Human Settlements

1981	Rotterdam	Growing up in an Adult World – Beyond Play & Recreation
1984	Ljubljana	Innovation – Participation – Action
1987	Stockholm	Creativity through Play
1990	Tokyo	Play and Education
1993	Melbourne	World Play Summit
1996	Espoo	Dimensions of Play
1999	Lisbon	the Community of Play
2002	Sao Paulo	Culture and Play in Urban Spaces
2005	Berlin	Play: Learning for Life
2008	Hong Kong	Play in a Changing World
2011	Cardiff	Playing into the Future – surviving and thriving
2014	Istanbul	Access to Play



IPA 2014 ISTANBUL

The 19th International Play Association Triennial World Conference will be held between 20–23 May 2014 with the theme of "Access to Play", hosted by Active Living Association. 2014 conference will take place with the theme of "Access to Play" and it aims to: put children's right to play- laid down by national laws-onto Turkey's public agenda; to ensure it is recognised as a human right taken into consideration in decision making processes; and for new academic studies to be solicited. As well as the national agenda, the conference is an international forum for exchange of ideas, knowledge and practice and will continue IPA's focus on the recent UN General Comment on article 31 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

As part of the conference, there will be an exhibition area which will bring together various NGOs, publishers and companies, workshops for conference participants and Istanbul citizens which will take place at an outdoor playground with different playground modules, a Play Day and various play events. The Conference is planned to host 300 participants especially academicians, specialists, opinion leaders, NGO representatives, practitioners and students who are related to play from all around the World and from Turkey.