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**64<sup>th</sup> IEC Meeting and  
8<sup>th</sup> Asian Regional Conference (ARC)  
of International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage  
October 2013, Mardin, Turkey**

## Invitation to the Conference from the Minister of Forestry and Water Works

Dear colleagues,

I express thanks to all ICID member countries for supporting 64<sup>th</sup> IEC Meeting and 8<sup>th</sup> Asia Regional Conference of ICID to be held in Mardin, “City of Toleration”

Being an open air museum, famous for the harmony of different cultures and religions in a historical atmosphere, the city of **Mardin** is a component of the Southeastern Anatolian Project (GAP), which is the most important Regional development project in Turkey.

Located in the semiarid zone, Turkey suffers from drought and flood events intensified by climate change. For that reasons, the theme of the 8th ARC has been determined as “Irrigation Management under Drought Conditions”.

It is my great pleasure to extend my warmest and sincerest invitation to the 8. Asia Regional Conference (ARC) which would be an important platform for many experts and professionals of the world to meet together and find ways for issues of sustainable agricultural in which the most important input is water for irrigation.

Hope to see you in Mardin .

Prof. Dr. Veysel EROĞLU  
Minister of Forestry and Water Works  
Honorary President of TUCID



## About Mardin



Mardin, which is one of the oldest cities of upper Mesopotamia lies between Euphrates and Tigris, has hosted various civilizations for long terms.

Mardin with architecture, ethnographic, archaeological, historical and visual values which gives the impression of time suspended; has many artistic valuable religious constructions like mosques, mausoleums, churches, monasteries.





Architectural structures belonging to different epochs have reached out time in a unique architectural integrity in Mardin, a city of tolerance call to where Moslem prayer from mosques lives in brotherhood with church bells.

100,000 ha area will be irrigated in Mardin by the end of Southeastern Anatolian Project.

## 8<sup>th</sup> Asian Regional Conference



**Venue of the Conference : MARDİN**

**Date: October 2013**

**Conference Language : English (simultaneous interpretation into French and Turkish languages will be available)**

**Organizer: Turkish National Committee On Irrigation And Drainage– TUCID**

**Promoting Organizations:**  
 Ministry of Forestry and Water Works, State Hydraulic Works General Directorate (DSİ), Mardin Governorship, Mardin Artuklu University, Mardin Education Foundation

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## Theme and Sub-themes of the Conference

### The Theme of the Conference:

Irrigation Management under Drought Conditions

### The Sub-theme of the Conference

1. Climate Change and Drought
2. Deficit Irrigation Under Drought
3. Drought Resistant Varieties
4. Advanced Agricultural Techniques
5. Rehabilitation of Irrigation Systems
6. Participatory Irrigation Management (PIM)
7. Finance Mechanisms for Irrigation Management
8. Environmental Impact of Irrigation Projects
9. Groundwater Irrigation



## TOURS

### 1. TECHNICAL TOURS

- 1.1. Atatürk Dam and Its Irrigations
- 1.2. Mardin Main Canal
- 1.3. Water User Association



### 2. TOURISTIC TOURS

- 2.1. Mardin City Tours
- 2.2. Madrasahes and Mosques
- 2.3. Monastery and Churches
- 2.4. Dara Antique City
- 2.5. Midyat Tours
- 2.6. Nusaybin White Water





**Hope to See You**  
in **Mardin** in **2013**



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