

## *Foreword*

In the tradition of the series of Mining Congress organized biennially, this year it was held in Izmir under the name of 19<sup>th</sup> International Mining Congress and Fair. Since the 17<sup>th</sup> of the traditional Mining Congress, it has been opened to international attendance.

The Fair of Mining, Natural Sources and Technologies (MINEX), which was simultaneously accomplished with the 19<sup>th</sup> International Mining Congress, is believed to donate generously to the global mining sector. The collaboration of Chamber of Mining Engineers in Turkey, experience foundation IZFAS and TÜBİTAK (National Scientific Council of Turkey) provided knowledge transfer among decision-makers, practitioners, technicians and academicians on the current developments and trends in mining.

The technical programme of the congress was conducted in 15 technical sessions, in which 60 oral presentations were delivered and 4 poster sessions with 37 poster presentations. The papers those took part in the proceeding book were chosen among 140 papers submitted by scientists, practitioners and suppliers. All manuscripts were reviewed elaborately by the members of the scientific committee and totally 97 papers were decided to participate in the proceeding.

Besides, approximately 100 participants were able to exhibit their products within a coverage area of 2000 m that was founded at Izmir International Fair ground, at which the attendees found opportunity to share the theoretical and practical knowledge that is discussed at the congress.

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