

## **PREFACE**

*We are living the proud of realizing the tenth of the serial of coal congresses which has, since the first one held 18 years ago in 1978. Ensuring the survival of the congressional tradition in such a basin as Zonguldak possessing a 160 years of old mining culture is our richest source of honour.*

*The scientific and technological developments practised in national and international coal mining sector, as well, have been introduced in this congress to the beneficitation of our industry through the presentation of 33 papers of 28 indigeneous and of 5 foreign origin.*

*On the other hand, conveyance of the issue by several specialists from the university, trade unions, press, State Planning Organization and Association of Mineral Producers to the platform of Zonguldak has been targeted, during the panel titled "The Global State of Coal Industry and Its Future in New Word Order" and arranged within the contents of the activities of this congress. We sincerely hope that the conclusive results produced during the panel would be of convenience to enlighten the future of Zonguldak, in a period during which such debates have been introduced into the agenda on the scaling down or even on the closure of the entire basin.*

*We would like to thank to every person, institution, company and, most of all, the Executive Committee for their supports and contributions in the realization of this activity and we hopefully wish the 10th Coal Congress of Turkey would once again be at the service of our coal mining.*

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