

PREFACE

Since 1978, Turkish Coal Congress' have been realised internationally. The 12 Turkish Coal Congress has been held in Kdz. Eređli Zonguldak, one most beautiful and industrial towns on the Black Sea coast. Kdz. Eređli has one of the three Iron and Steel Works Corporations (ERDEMIR) of Turkey.

The Congress has aimed to combine the theory and practical experience in fields such as mine exploitation and evaluation, coal preparation, mining methods and energy policies.

We hope that, the topics argued in the Congress on the scientific, tehnological developments and economical aspects practiced in national and international coal mining will be beneficial to the coal mining industry.

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