

Welcoming Address

Dear Mr. chairman of CIEC, dear scientists, respectable guests,

Welcome to the 9 th International Symposium of CIEC in our country. I greet you with my best wishes and respects personally and in the name of my university.

In today's world the problem of hunger is getting more and more importance and the solution of this problem depends on the increase of agricultural productivity. The study of soil fertility is essential for providing humanity with high quality food.

On the other hand, our world is living with the increasing threat of environmental pollution. This problem faces us as a factor preventing agricultural production from reaching its goal, such as quality. The study of soil fertility requires different approaches in view of the risk of soil and water pollution. Among the studies and the concepts such as biological agriculture, ecological agriculture, and organic agriculture the studies of soil fertility and fertilization are gaining importance by different approaches. I hope we'll have the opportunity to consider these different approaches in this symposium.

Respectable guests,

Adnan Menderes University, existing now in its third academic year, gives importance to international scientific help and cooperation. That we come together with you from different countries in this symposium is the evidence of our common interests.

Here I would like to mention the outstanding efforts of Prof. Dr. Akgün AYDENİZ, chairman and organizer of this symposium and a valuable member of our university, and Prof. Dr. Abdülreşit BROHİ, member of our brother Gaziosmanpaşa University in Tokat. I thank both of them in your presence.

Dear scientists and respectable guests,

Our region is one of the important agricultural areas of Turkey. It is also one of the world's important places with respect to natural and historical richness. Our region has been a cradle for several civilizations in history. I hope that after having seen the characteristic features of our region they will become embedded in your consciousness as well as in the scientific value of this symposium.

I hope the symposium will be successful scientifically and socially and I pay my respects personally and in the name of my university.

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