

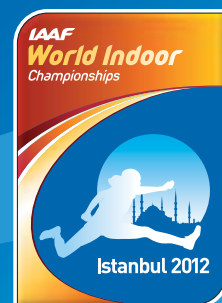


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## Message From The President



*I write this article with a growing sense of excitement as the most important athletics event ever staged in Turkey approaches. The eyes of the world will be trained on Istanbul 2012 between 9 and 11 March. We feel proud and privileged to host the 14th edition of the IAAF World Indoor Championships.*

*The Event is a fine cause for the World Athletics Family to visit us and experience the traditional Turkish hospitality besides participating in one of the biggest international gathering of the finest athletes of the world. It will be a historical event not only for Turkey, but also for the athletics world with the record number of countries and athletes expected.*

*I strongly believe that the time spent in Istanbul, a city where east and west meet, will be memorable as well as enjoyable for all our guests.*

*Turkish Athletics is continuously growing and getting stronger year by year. The 14th IAAF World Indoor Championships*

*will be not the only, but certainly is one of the challenges our athletes will face in our long-term run to a future with much more international achievements. We are working harder and better to accomplish this purpose.*

*It will be a great honour for the City of Istanbul and the Turkish Athletic Federation to receive the athletes, coaches, officials, media members and spectators from all over the world. We are committed to offering everyone the warmest welcome in Istanbul soon.*

*On this occasion, I should like to extend my thanks and appreciation to everybody who is and will somehow be involved in organising this remarkable event.*

**Mehmet Terzi**

President

Turkish Athletic Federation

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## Countdown Starts For World Indoor Athletics Championships!

**C**ountdown has started for the 14th World Indoor Championships to be held on March 9 – 11, 2012 at Ataköy Athletics Hall, Istanbul.

On February 9, 2012, exactly one month before the Championships starts, the Turkish Athletic Federation held a press conference at the Turkish Sportswriters Association (TSYD) head office to share latest developments and information on the IAAF 2012 World Indoor Championships.

Mr Mehmet Terzi, the Chair of the Turkish Athletic Federation and Mr Can Korkmazoğlu, General Coordinator of Local Organising Committee for Istanbul 2012 IAAF World Indoor Championships attended the conference together with national athletes Birsen Engin and Batuhan Buğra Erugun.

At the press conference, Chairman Terzi gave information on the Championships and stated: "We have one month ahead to the Championships. We really feel deeply excited. The deficiencies noted during the Turkish Indoor Athletics Championship, which served as a test for us, are being remedied at a fast pace. We won't suffer from any organisational problem."

Mentioning that record attendance is attained, Mr Terzi said: "Until now, 879 athletes from 178 countries applied to attend the Championships. This figure indicates a record attendance. Top athletes from all over the world have been accredited to be a part of this event."

Highlighting that there are many short distance and sprint races and Turkish athletes do not have high track records in these events, Mehmet Terzi stated that Karin Melis Key got bronze medal for long jump at the 2009 World Championships while Kemal Koyuncu got silver medal for 1500 m at the European Indoor Athletics Championships last year.



Underscoring the fact that the Turkish National Team was ranked among the top 5 countries at the latest European Athletics Championships held in Barcelona, Terzi stated: "From now on, our aim is to increase the rate of participation in World Championships and Olympic events and to qualify for finals. 16 athletes participated in the Olympic Games held in Beijing. 24 Turkish athletes are qualified to attend the London Olympic Games. Our target is to improve this number up to 35 athletes."

### **TURKEY CANDIDATE FOR 2015**

As response to a question, Mr Terzi said that Turkey is candidate to become the organising country of the 2015 European Indoor Athletics Championships, that the Federation filed the request to allocate the event to the Federation following the World Championships and they will carry on negotiations on this matter.

Mr Can Korkmazoğlu, General Coordinator of the Local Organising Committee for the Istanbul 2012 IAAF World Indoor Championships, briefed on the organisational aspects. Stating that the Championships will be broadcast in 180 countries reaching 900 million people, Mr Korkmazoğlu added that more than two thousand athletics fans will come to Istanbul and there will be around five thousand international visitors. Mr Korkmazoğlu stated that Sinan Erdem Sports Hall will be used as warm-up space; the connection between the two premises is 65 meters and he gave information about the Ataköy Athletics Hall.

Stating further that the hall is equipped with 7.450 seats and tickets for 5.040 seats are being offered for sale, Can Korkmazoğlu noted the cost of the hall amounts to 32 million Turkish Liras. He said further that the Hall will be used for the Balkan Championships on 18 February and the Federation Test Competition will be held between 24 and 26 February, before the World Championships. Mr Korkmazoğlu informed that several star performers such as Dwain Chambers for men 60 meters, Abubaker Kaki for 800 meters, Bernard Lagat for 3000 meters, Dayron Robles for 60 meters hurdles, Meseret Defar for women 3000 meters, Lolo Jones for 60 meters hurdles, Jessica Ennis for pentathlon, Yelena Isinbayeva for pole vault and Kirani James winner of 400 meters at last World Championships will perform in Istanbul.

At the press conference, new uniforms of the national team were presented together with "Tik" and "Tak", the mascots of the 14th World Indoor Championships.



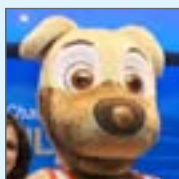
## Mascots

**T**ik 'the dog' and Tak 'the cat' are the names of the Official Mascots of the IAAF World Indoor Championships Istanbul 2012. Their names come from the sound of a working clock. Time is pivotal in all Champion-

ships. Tik and Tak will play in a crucial role to bring you luck, happiness and joy with all participants' full support in Istanbul 2012.

### TIK

Type: Stray dog  
 Gender: Male  
 Age: 4  
 Job: Official ambassador of WIC Istanbul 2012  
 Address: Istanbul  
 Membership: President of theatre club at the university  
 Member of Greenpeace  
 Born: In Gezi Park "Taksim"  
 Grew up: In the same neighbourhood he was born  
 Family: He has only his mother, but "Tak" is like a sister to him.  
 Personality: Very kind, joyful, funny, full of jokes, a gentleman, loyal  
 Loves: Marathons, being on stage, swimming, local, hanging out with his friends.  
 Goals: To become a very famous as an actor, also to take the first place in marathon  
 Mentor: The crow from park, who guided him to his two passions in life: Acting & Sports  
 Mottos: A healthy body means healthy mind!  
 An apple a day, keeps the doctor away!



### TAK

Type: Stray cat  
 Gender: Female  
 Age: 3  
 Job: Official ambassador of IAAF WIC Istanbul 2012  
 Address: Istanbul  
 Memberships: President of social awareness club at the university  
 Volunteer for WWF Joins "terry fox run" every year  
 Born: In Bebek Park "Taksim"  
 Grew up: Wandering around Istanbul, mostly the Bosphorus line, playing with her brothers and sisters  
 Family: Her mother, 3 sisters & 2 brothers, and of course TIK  
 Personality: Generous, kind, adventurous, honest, brave, curious and clever.  
 Loves: Discovering new places, helping others, lemonade, organizing events, sports in general  
 Goals: To help and reach out to as many people as she can  
 Mentor: The seagull, who gave her awareness and led her to do charity work  
 Mottos: If live gives you lemons, make lemonade!  
 There is no problem that cannot be fixed!







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## Ataköy Athletics Arena Has Opened Its Doors With The First Indoor Championship Of Turkey

**T**urkey's first athletics indoor facility, Ataköy Athletics Arena, has opened its doors with the Turkcell Turkish Indoor Athletic Championships organized between 27-29 January. As Turkey and its athletics federation live the pride of organizing the first official indoor events in their history, more than 400 sportsmen shared this great excitement. During the three-day competition in 44 events, the athletes have sweat blood in the youth, junior and senior categories.

The Championship, which became witness to the contention of Long Jump World Championships bronze medalist Karin Melis Mey, Turkish champion Meliz Redif and important athletes like Merve Aydın and İzzet Safer has attracted a great attention.

The most interesting race of the Championships was the 3000 meters women. The champion athlete, Dudu Karakaya, lost her shoe when her competitors tread on her foot in the first round and took off her sock in the next round. Dudu ran 14 rounds with a single shoe and a bare foot and she succeeded to be the Turkish champion. She was so determined to win that she exhausted herself and ended up in hospital.

The 60 meters men's final was also so exciting. İzzet Safer started as the favorite and took the gold medal with the attack that he made during the last 10 meters.

The Turkcell Turkish Championship was followed by the officials of International Association of Athletics Federa-







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tions (IAAF) and also became a mini test for World Indoor Championships which will be held between 9-11 March this year. The commission has approved the hall, noted the shortcomings and submitted the points to be addressed to the top officials of the Organising Committee.

The President of Turkish Athletics Federation and Istanbul 2012 Organising Committee Mehmet Terzi stated that the Championships has a very special meaning for them. Terzi said "We will host one of the biggest organizations in Turkey in March. Turkey owns a full indoor facility for the first time. We have some deficiencies and we see that, but we will overcome these deficiencies in this one-month period and we will confront the authorities as ready. I am thanking to everyone who worked with great enthusiasm".





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## World Indoor Championships Tickets on sale at Biletix!

The World Indoor Championships is organized on 9-10-11 March and the tickets are offered in Biletix for single events in the morning and afternoon, as daily tickets or 3 days combined tickets. For single tickets, the morning sessions are 12.-TL (5 Euro), afternoon sessions are 20.-TL (8.5

Euro), daily tickets (morning and afternoon sessions) 25.-TL (11 Euro). Final day' price is 25.-TL, three days combined tickets are 60.-TL (26 Euro) and each session's price is 5.-TL (2 Euro) for children under 11 years of age.

### Ticket Prices

9 <sup>th</sup> of March 2012	1st Day Morning	09:30	12 TL (5 Euro)
9 <sup>th</sup> of March 2012	1st Day Afternoon	15:45	20 TL (8.5 Euro)
9 <sup>th</sup> of March 2012	1st Day Combined Morning-Afternoon Sessions		25 TL (11 Euro)
10 <sup>th</sup> of March 2012	2nd Day Morning	09:30	12 TL (5 Euro)
10 <sup>th</sup> of March 2012	2nd Day Afternoon	15:45	20 TL (8.5 Euro)
10 <sup>th</sup> of March 2012	2nd Day Combined Morning-Afternoon Sessions		25 TL (11 Euro)
11 <sup>th</sup> of March 2012	3rd Day	14:00	25 TL (11 Euro)
9-10-11 March 2012	3 Days Combined All Sessions		60 TL (26 Euro)

For the tickets: [www.biletix.com](http://www.biletix.com)

*Children under 11 years of age ticket prices for each session 5.-TL. (2 Euro)*

Spectator Access



Atakoy Athletic Arena





## Timetable

The timetable for Istanbul 2012 was approved by the IAAF Council in April 2011. A provisional schedule for the Medal Ceremonies has now been included (MC). Information on any changes to the Official Timetable shall be provided at the Technical Meeting and through the TIC.

### DAY 1 - Friday, Morning

09:30	High Jump	W	Q
09:35	400m	W	R1
09:55	Shot Put	M	Q
10:10	800m	M	R1
10:40	Triple Jump	W	Q
10:45	3000m	W	R1
11:25	60m H Pen	W	
11:35	60m Hep	M	
11:50	800m	W	R1
12:05	High Jump Pen	W	
12:20	400m	M	R1
12:35	Long Jump Hep	M	
12:55	1500m	M	R1
13:45	Shot Put Pen	W	

### DAY 1 - Friday, Afternoon

<b>15:45</b>	<b>Opening Ceremony</b>		
17:00	60m H	W	R1
17:05	Long Jump Pen	W	
17:35	60m	M	R1
17:40	Shot Put Hep	M	
18:20	Long Jump	M	Q
18:30	1500m	W	R1
18:50	High Jump Hep	M	
19:05	3000m	M	R1
<b>19:15</b>	<b>Shot Put</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Final</b>
19:35	800m Pen	W	
19:50	400m	W	SF
20:05	Shot Put	M	MC
20:10	400m	M	SF

### DAY 2 - Saturday, Morning

09:30	60m H Hep	M	
09:35	Triple Jump	M	Q
09:40	60m H	M	R1
10:05	Shot Put	W	Q
10:10	60m	W	R1
10:30	Pole Vault Hep	M	
11:20	4x400m Relay	M	R1
11:25	High Jump	M	Q
11:45	Long Jump	W	Q
11:50	4x400m Relay	W	R1

### DAY 2 - Saturday, Afternoon

<b>17:00</b>	<b>Pole Vault</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Final</b>
<b>17:05</b>	<b>Triple Jump</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Final</b>
17:10	60m H	W	SF
17:30	60m	M	SF
17:50	Pentathlon	W	MC
<b>18:00</b>	<b>1500m</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Final</b>
<b>18:10</b>	<b>Shot Put</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Final</b>
<b>18:15</b>	<b>High Jump</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Final</b>
18:20	1000m Hep	M	
18:30	1500m	W	MC
<b>18:40</b>	<b>400m</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Final</b>
18:45	Triple Jump	W	MC
<b>18:50</b>	<b>Long Jump</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Final</b>
<b>19:00</b>	<b>1500m</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Final</b>
19:08	Heptathlon	M	MC
19:20	Shot Put	W	MC
<b>19:30</b>	<b>400m</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Final</b>
19:34	400m	W	MC
<b>19:45</b>	<b>60m H</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Final</b>
19:48	1500m	M	MC
<b>20:00</b>	<b>60m</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Final</b>
20:02	400m	M	MC

### DAY 3 - Sunday, Afternoon

13:50	Pole Vault	M	MC
<b>14:00</b>	<b>Pole Vault</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Final</b>
<b>14:05</b>	<b>Long Jump</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Final</b>
14:15	60m	W	SF
14:33	High Jump	W	MC
14:45	60m H	M	SF
14:56	Long Jump	M	MC
<b>15:10</b>	<b>3000m</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Final</b>
15:20	60m H	W	MC
<b>15:30</b>	<b>High Jump</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Final</b>
<b>15:35</b>	<b>800m</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Final</b>
15:40	60m	M	MC
<b>15:50</b>	<b>3000m</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Final</b>
16:00	Long Jump	W	MC
<b>16:10</b>	<b>Triple Jump</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Final</b>
<b>16:20</b>	<b>800m</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Final</b>
16:25	3000m	W	MC
<b>16:40</b>	<b>4x400m Relay</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Final</b>
16:47	800m	M	MC
16:53	3000m	M	MC
<b>17:05</b>	<b>60m</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Final</b>
17:09	800m	W	MC
<b>17:20</b>	<b>60m H</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Final</b>
17:22	4x400m	W	MC
17:30	High Jump	M	MC
<b>17:40</b>	<b>4x400m Relay</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Final</b>
17:45	Pole Vault	W	MC
	60m	W	MC
<b>Final</b>	<b>Triple Jump</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>MC</b>
<b>Banquet</b>	<b>60m H</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>MC</b>
	<b>4x400m</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>MC</b>



## A World Class Facility

**A**taköy Athletics Arena, which is placed near to the Ataturk International Airport, next to Sinan Erdem Sports Hall and Olympic House, has a great importance as it is the first athletics hall of Turkey.

Actually, it is also the second indoor facility in the Balkan area, after Athens, Greece.

The total capacity of the arena is 7,450 seats, based on 10.875 square meters area. The construction has been completed in less than one year. For the hall which will accelerate Turkish athletics in medium term, 170 workers have worked day and night, they laid down 2700 tons of steel, poured 30,000 square meters of concrete, laid more than 200 km. cables and built a world class athletics hall. With this last ring, Ataköy district became a real sports center.

### ATAKÖY ATHLETICS ARENA IN NUMBERS

Number of workers: 170

Steel: 2700 tons

Concrete: 30.000 square meters

Electric Cables: 200 km

Glass facade: 3.200 square meters

Aluminum compete: 8.500 square meters

Roof area: 10.000 square meters

Structural specifications of the facility:

Height: 27 meters

Length: 125 meters

Width: 87 meters

Base area: 10.875 square meters

Total indoor building area: 17.250 square meters

Audience Capacity:

7.450 Seats

Seat allocation for World Indoor Championships:

- 5040 audience seats
- 590 VIP and 206 VVIP seats
- 141 seats with desk for TV commentators, 230 seats with desk for press members, 144 seats with armrests for press and photo editors
- 560 seats for the teams and 60 seats for the trainers

Technical specifications of the Hall:

200 meters oval race course with 6 tracks

60 meters straight course with 8 tracks

1 shot put sector







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## Official Logo

The logo is constructed based on three elements: The athlete, Mosque, and the Full Moon in Istanbul. The athlete figure in front of the Mosque under the full moon is a unique theme for the event. The mosque silhouette, which is applied as a part of the local element, is one of the best known figures for Istanbul. The Blue Mosque and the Hagia Sophia rise in the same area and look very similar, reflecting how the different cultures and ideas lived together in harmony until today. The Full Moon is another icon reflecting the incredible silhouette of the city.



## Medals

The front sides of the medals, which will adorn the athletes in first places, have the figures of the logo. On the back side of the medals are the sportsmen figures which represent the three main branches of athletics as throwing, jumping and running. The athlete figures behind the lines which are representing the athletics track are throwing the shot, jumping high and running.



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