

4 APRIL 2026, Saturday

- 10:30-11:30** “Preservation and Access to Cultural Heritage in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: The Strategic Role of Libraries”
Moderator: Ertuğrul Çimen, Chair Regional Council and Governing Board Member, IFLA
Panelists:
Ali Şafak Özdemir, Head of the Libraries and Museums Branch Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality
Bahar Biçen Aras, President of the Istanbul Branch Turkish Librarians' Association, Head of Information Resources and Library Department Istinye University
Sami Çuhadar, Library Director Istanbul Bilgi University
- 11:45-12:15** “On Preserving the Cultural Heritage of Bitlis: Public, University, and Private Sector Collaboration”
Moderator: Dr. Olcay Aydemir, Architect
Speakers:
Prof. Dr. Necmettin Elmastaş, Bitlis Eren University Rector
Ahmet Eren, Businessman
Dr. Sinan Genim, Architect
Prof. Dr. Adnan Alkan, Rector Consultant
N. İlknur Adak, Architect
- 12:15-12:45** "Our Society and the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Istanbul within the Scope of Cultural Heritage Works"
Bartholomew I, Patriarch and Archbishop of Istanbul
- 13:15-13:45** "Spectral and Colorimetric Imaging for Cultural Heritage"
Marcello Melis, CEO ProfiloColore
- 14:00-14:30** “The Effects of War on Historical Monuments in Aleppo”
Dr. Mahmoud Zin Alabadin, Lecturer at Y.T.U. Faculty of Architecture
- 14:30-15:00** “Beirut's Post-War Reconstruction Project and Modernization Process”
Prof. Dr. Khaled Tadmuri, Lecturer at Lebanon University, Architecture Faculty
- 15:15-15:45** “Repatriation of Cultural Property within the Axis of Cultural Diplomacy”
Burcu Özdemir, General Directorate of Cultural Assets and Museums, Head of Anti-Smuggling Dept.
- 15:45-16:15** “Idioms and Their Origins, Our Language is Our Identity”
Yursuf Öztürk, Historian, Radio Program Host