Capital City of Turkey, Ankara wins the 2009 Europe Prize

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The 2009 Europe Prize (PACE) has been awarded to the Turkish town of Ankara. Ankara, which was already awarded the Flag of Honor in 2001 and the Plaque of Honor in 2003. Created by PACE in 1955, the Europe Prize is the highest distinction that can be bestowed on a European town for its actions in the European domain.
• Middle East Technical University (METU) is one of the most prestigious universities in Turkey.
  o Has 23,000 students with 2500 academic staff.
  o Teaching language is English.
  o Most of its departments accept the top 0.1% of the nearly 1.5 million applicants.
  o Times Higher Education Top 100 University by Reputation in 2012.
METU SIAM Student Chapter is the first SIAM Student chapter outside the US as it was established in 2004.

→ 50 student members...
  • Physics, Mathematics, Aerospace Eng., Chemistry, Computer Science, Civil Eng., Economics

→ The chapter has an academic board consisting of ``departmental advisors.''
  These advisors and the student members work together.

http://siam.metu.edu.tr
In February, a university wide research competition was organized to select the METU – SIAM Student chapter representative in 2012 SIAM annual meeting in Minneapolis.

«The final four» papers were selected by the board and finally the winner was evaluated by the students.
In May, «Data mining workshop» was carried out as a part of the Math Awareness Month.
• Repeat our university-wide SIAM paper competitions as it attracted considerable attention of the METU students in 2012.
  • One of the prizes could be an «invitation» to one of the SIAM conferences with financial support.

• Have more collaborations with other chapters in our annual activities.
  • Organize the same activity in parallel with other chapters.

• Increase our budget to support further activities.