

## **About TASSA**

### **TASSA is in Reorganization Period**

*The authority of the Board of Directors is currently transferred to a Transition Team which is responsible for the governance and operation of TASSA. Please refer to the 2010 Special General Assembly page for more information.*

#### *TASSA Transition Team*

Turkish American Scientists and Scholars Association (TASSA) is an independent, non-profit and non-political organization established in June 2004 in Washington, DC. TASSA's first Board was officially seated on February 18, 2005, after the announcement of the results of the elections. We appreciate the contributions of countless individuals who spent their valuable time and efforts in bringing TASSA to this point. We have come a long way in a rather short time, yet a lot remains to be accomplished, and as before, this can only be achieved with the combined efforts of all of us.

We invite you to see TASSA's brochure and Annual Conference Flyer (English and Turkish) and view an 8-minute introductory video about TASSA. Also, videos (in Turkish) of TASSA's Annual Conferences for 2005 (TASSA'05), 2006 (TASSA'06) and 2007 (TASSA'07) highlight some key past activities. (Videos are courtesy of TRT and Turkish-American TV).

## **Vision**

TASSA's vision is to build a sustainable science bridge between the U.S. and Turkey. This bridge would facilitate the flow of people (scientists and scholars), knowledge, and technology and help link science and technology institutions in the two countries.

## **Mission**

TASSA's mission is to promote educational, scientific and technological cooperation between the USA and Turkey and to facilitate the advancement of science in Turkey and the USA through scientific exchange, educational programs and increased networking.

## Statement of Purpose

TASSA shall operate exclusively as a non-profit organization to achieve the following objectives:

- Contribute to the social welfare and the industrial development in the USA and Turkey through the promotion of education and science.
- Promote educational and scientific cooperation between the USA and Turkey.
- Promote friendship and fellowship among Turkish-American professionals engaged in engineering, natural, life and social sciences, and related fields.
- Enhance the professional and social status of Turkish-American professionals engaged in engineering, natural, life and social sciences, and related fields.
- Promote and cultivate the next generation of Turkish-American scientists and scholars.

Note that the Internal Revenue Service issued a determination letter in August 2006 that recognized TASSA as exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. TASSA is also classified as a public charity under section 509(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to TASSA are deductible under section 170 of the Code, and TASSA is qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Internal Revenue Code.