



TURKISH MARITIME
STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
DÖDER



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What we do

DÖDER is the leading organisation that has been providing maritime school students with various possibilities since 1999.

Mission

- Organisation and development of activities among maritime students
- Supporting the people and the institutions working on maritime education
- Providing information and help to the general population regarding maritime issues

What Is Döder

The Maritime Students' Association, **DÖDER**, was established in 1999 under the name of **TÜDOB** (National Maritime Student Union, Turkey). It was changed to **DÖDER** in 2007. The purpose in founding the organisation was to get the students of maritime training institutions to come together and discuss problems and issues. These students come from all over Turkey and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

Almost all of the institutions providing maritime education in Turkey have been placed as members among the founders of the union. The Near East University in Northern Cyprus as well as maritime vocational high schools then joined these institutions.

Our Position In The Sector

DÖDER sends all items discussed and opinions in the Mermaid Congress to all sector associations including Maritime Under secretariat and their recommendations are taken into consideration. Also by being the main sponsor of the Mermaid Congress, all the leading institutions in the sector show that they fully support **DÖDER**. Every institution in the sector is aware of the existence of **DÖDER**.

Time Sequence

TÜDOB, which was the first maritime student union in Turkey, was founded by Istanbul University after the Mermaid Congress 1999. **TÜDOB** was a foundation whose membership was made up of students from Turkey's and The Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus's marine-related educational institutions who would shape the future of the maritime industry in Turkey.

The Maritime Business and the Management School of Dokuz Eylül University arranged The 2nd International Maritime Students Congress/Mermaid in February 2000 in Izmir. About 150 participants from 6 cities and 12 educational institutions discussed the problems of maritime education.

The presidency of the National Maritime Student Union for that term was held by Karamürsel Vocational School of Kocaeli University in 2001. The slogan of the congress held that year was 'From Bays to Oceans, From Karamürsel to Turkey'.

The Naval Academy took over the presidency in 2002. The congress was held in the Naval Academy's Tuzla campus and all member schools attended. The topics discussed were the maritime sector, the strengthening of cooperation between universities and logistic locations of ports in Turkey.





The Mermaid Congress 2003 was organised by the Marine Transportation Management Engineering School of Istanbul University.

The Mermaid Congress 2004 was held in Trabzon under the presidency of the Karadeniz Technical University and 150 people from member schools attended. One of the most important results of the congress was to introduce maritime high school students to the Turkish maritime industry.

The Mermaid Congress 2005 took place on the Beşiktaş campus of Yıldız Technical University in April.

The Mermaid Congress 2006 was held in Kumburgaz under the leadership of Istanbul University. 150 students from member schools attended the 3-day congress. Topics discussed included the practices and efficiency of ISPS, VTS's efficiency on the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles, the sufficiency of civil society organisations in the sector, the adaptation of maritime education to accommodate emerging technology and employees' relationships with each other within the sector.

The Mermaid Congress 2007 which was organised by the Maritime and Trade Junior Technical School of Mersin University took place at the Mersin Akdeniz Exporters' Union. The 3-day congress had 150 member student attendees. Among the topics discussed were the recognition of the association as an official organisation, the most appropriate place for shipbuilding in Turkey, maritime education in Turkey, the effects of emerging technology on Turkish maritime, health insurance and the safety of employees within the maritime sector. On 06.12.2007 TUDÖB officially became the Maritime Students Organisation (**DÖDER**) and was established as the only official organization of maritime students in the Turkish maritime community.

The first general assembly of **DÖDER** was held at Yıldız Technical University on 28 April 2008. The founder of **DÖDER**, Başar Beyazoğlu (TÜDEV) became the chairman of **DÖDER**. The Maritime Education in Turkey Symposium was organised by **DÖDER**.

The tenth Mermaid Congress was held by the Turkish Maritime Education Foundation in 2008 at the Şile Doğa Club. The main subject of the Mermaid Congress was the educational problems of Turkish maritime students.

On the 21st of June, the first Maritime Students Festival Seafest 2008 was held by **DÖDER** at the Bostancı Entertainment Centre in Istanbul. 3000 people attended this festival.

The second general assembly of **DÖDER** was held at the International Maritime Culture Festival. 13 different maritime schools joined the second general assembly of **DÖDER**. Bilal Karakurt of Istanbul Technical University Maritime Vocational School became the chairman of **DÖDER**.





The eleventh Mermaid Congress was held by Istanbul Technical University Junior Technical College in 2009 at Martı Hotel (Marmaris). The main subject of the Mermaid Congress was the pirate problems of the world and the problems of maritime students. Scientific workshops were also held during the congress.

On the 14th May 2009 **DÖDER** went to the International Scientific Competition in Romania and **DÖDER** won the second prize and also received three honourable mentions.

On the 21st June the second Maritime Students Festival Seafest 2009 was held by **DÖDER** at Maçka Park in Istanbul. 2500 people attended this festival.

The third general assembly of **DÖDER** took place at Yıldız Technical University. Başar Beyazoğlu became the chairman of **DÖDER**. The second Maritime Education in Turkey Symposium was also organised by **DÖDER**.

On the 19th November 2009 **DÖDER** and students of the Canadian School Concordia's Ship did a project together named 'HOME STAY CULTURAL EXCHANGES'.

On the 14th December 2009, the Turkish Education Tour started to solve the Turkish maritime students' problems in Turkey and the school members of **DÖDER** visited. After this tour **DÖDER** arranged a meeting between the government, the sector and the students. Results of the tour were announced in this meeting.

On the 5th February 2010 **DÖDER** did a presentation about at Turkish Chamber of Shipping and the president of the Board of Education made an impressive speech about **DÖDER**.

On the 18th February 2010 IMO Secretary General Admiral Efhemios Mitropoulos was visited by **DÖDER**.

The first two editions of the magazine of the Turkish Maritime Students Association, Denizden, was published by **DÖDER**.

The Mermaid Congress

The aim of the congress is to strengthen relationships among the schools and bring the people working in the same sector together. The annual congress is organised by the institution holding the presidency for that term. The panels, which all members can attend, take one day and are held in a venue with on-site accommodation. **DÖDER** holds an ordinary general assembly during the congress.

The students attending the Mermaid Congress enhance their knowledge of the maritime world and learn about the latest developments in the field.

We fulfil our ordinary general assembly duties on the last day of the congress and elect our president for the next term.



DENIZDEN (Journal)

Another activity of our organisation is to publish journals for the sector. The aim is to increase our visibility as maritime students. Our journal is prepared with the support of all of our members under the leadership of the school which has undertaken the publishing of the journals. We determine the content according to the currently developing events of the year.

Our journal includes

- Interviews with the pioneers of the sector,
- The sector of ship-building,
- Maritime transport,
- Maritime and port management,
- Introduction of member academies,
- Our activities,
- The maritime history of Turkey,
- In terms of sponsorship recognition, there is an introduction of our supporting institutions in the sector

N.B. : The companies interested in becoming sponsors may get in touch with us. Our sponsors' logos are shown on the back cover, as well as other pages throughout the journal in the sizes requested. We work closely with our sponsors to strengthen relationships within the sector.

The Association Nights:

The purpose of holding 'Association Nights' is to integrate our members and to bring them together. We will all be working together in the future, and we can start building our relationships at these events.

Operations Of The Project

The primary aim of DÖDER is to come up with solutions, not to dwell on problems, and to make a positive contribution to the maritime industry. For this purpose, we set up brainstorming events at which every single member of the organisation sits together at the same table and discusses ideas and shares opinions as well as information. This year every association is responsible for coming up with a new project.

The Exhibition Committee

Our association is actively involved in exhibitions related to the maritime industry. Our goal during the exhibitions is to connect with others in this sector and eventually to fully join the sector. Our association has been represented in all Europort/Eurasia exhibitions so far. We also intend to represent our country in exhibitions further afield.

Certificate Programmes

Our association will be giving out certificates of attendance to our members at the congress. These certificates will be a valuable addition to any CV. Furthermore, our association members may attend special training courses such as ISPS/ISM/GOC/TANKER and so on at affordable prices.

Career Days

Our purpose is to connect the pioneers of the sector with our members and give them the opportunity to find jobs or internships. All of the maritime associations in the sector have supported us completely, especially the Chamber of Shipping. That is why our career days have always been very productive. We recommend that all of our members attend these valuable events.

Delegation Meetings

Delegation meetings are the meetings attended by administrators of each maritime academy and are held at least twice a year for the purpose of providing better services to our members. The administrators of every academy with membership attend the meetings. The details of the congress, career days, and the association nights are determined during this meeting.

Our members must be a part of the administration committee to be able to attend delegation meetings.

PARTICIPANTS OF DÖDER

- **Bahçeşehir University,**
Maritime Vocational School
- **Dokuz Eylül University,**
Maritime Faculty
- **Eryetiş Reis Maritime Vocational High School**
- **Galatasaray University,**
Maritime Vocational School
- **Istanbul Technical University,**
Faculty of Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering
- **Istanbul Technical University,**
Maritime Vocational School
- **Istanbul University,**
Maritime Transportation and Management Engineering
- **Karadeniz Technical University,**
Maritime Faculty
- **Karadeniz Technical University,**
Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering Department
- **Kocaeli University,**
Karamürsel Vocational School
- **Mersin University,**
Maritime Vocational School
- **Near East University,**
Maritime Faculty
- **Pendik Anatolian Maritime Vocational High School**
- **Piri Reis Maritime University**
- **Piri Reis Maritime Anatolian Vocational High School**
- **TÜDEV Marine Education Center**
- **Uludağ University,**
Gemlik Vocational School
- **Van Maritime Anatolian Vocational High School**
- **Yalova University,**
Vocational School
- **Yıldız Technical University,**
Naval Architecture and Maritime Faculty
- **Ziya Kalkavan Anatolian Maritime Vocational High School**