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6:00pm	<i>Friday, October 4, 2019 - Sheridan Circle, NW, Washington, DC 20008</i> <b>Wreath Laying Ceremony at Atatürk Monument</b>
8:00am-8:50am	<i>Saturday, October 5, 2019 - The Westin Crystal City, Arlington, VA</i> <b>Registration &amp; Breakfast</b>
8:50am-9:00am	<b>Opening Ceremony &amp; Welcoming Remarks</b>
9:00am-10:00am <i>Moderator:</i> <i>Speakers:</i>	<b>Atatürk: The War of Independence and the Creation of the Modern Turkey</b> <b>Sevgin Oktay</b> , ATAA NY Region Vice President <b>Prof. Justin A. McCarthy</b> , Department of History, University of Louisville <b>Prof. George Gawrych</b> , Department of History, Baylor University
10:00am-10:10am	Break
10:10am-10:40am <i>Speaker:</i>	<b>Early Turkish Immigrants in the U.S. and Their Role in the Turkish Independence War</b> <b>Dr. Işıl Acehan</b> , Visiting Professor of History, George Mason University
10:40am-10:50am	Break
10:50am-11:50am	<b>The Impact of Turkish National Movement on 20th Century Politics</b> <b>Nilüfer Esen Bilgin</b> , ATAA First & Mid-Central Region Vice President <b>Prof. Paul Kubicek</b> , Department of Political Science, Oakland University <b>Assoc. Prof. Emine Evered</b> , Department of History, Michigan State University
11:50am-12:15pm	Networking Break
12:15pm-1:30pm <i>Keynote Speakers:</i>	<b>Luncheon</b> <b>Amb. (Ret.) Dr. Şükrü M. Elekdağ</b> ( <i>Video Message</i> ) <b>Dr. Yalçın Ayaslı</b> , Founder and Chairman, Turkish Coalition of America <b>The Hon. Ed Whitfield</b> , U.S. House of Representatives (1995-2016)
1:30pm-1:40pm	Break
1:40pm-2:40pm <i>Speaker:</i>	<b>Independence War, Turks in the US, Politics Effecting Turks</b> <b>Prof. Dr. Emre Kongar</b> , Professor of Sociology, Former Turkish Undersecretary of Culture
2:40pm-2:50pm	Break
2:50pm-3:50pm <i>Moderator:</i> <i>Speakers:</i>	<b>40 Years of ATAA's Accomplishment and Plans for Future</b> <b>Mazlum Koşma</b> , ATAA Treasurer <b>Dr. Ülkü Ülgür</b> , ATAA Past President, Member of the ATAA Board of Trustees <b>Dr. Bülent Başol</b> , ATAA Past President, Chairman of the ATAA Board of Trustees <b>Nurten Ural</b> , ATAA Past President, Member of the ATAA Board of Trustees <b>Ergün Kırlikovalı</b> , ATAA Past President, Member of the ATAA Board of Trustees <b>Kenan Çağlar</b> , ATAA Past President <b>Gökhan Özalp</b> , ATAA President

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3:50pm-4:00pm	Break
4:00pm-5:00pm	<b>Bright Future Turkish Language and Culture Project</b> <i>Moderator:</i> <b>Kayhan Yılmaz</b> , ATAA Education Committee Chair, Capital Region Vice President <i>Speakers:</i> <b>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Halil Ersoy</b> , Department of Computer Education and Instructional Technology, Başkent University <b>Hülya Koç</b> , Bright Future Committee Member <b>Lale Iskarpatyoti</b> , Bright Future Committee Member
5:00pm-5:10pm	Break
5:10pm-6:10pm	<b>Turkish American Associations: Bringing Together the Community</b> <i>Moderator:</i> <b>Burcu Tansu</b> , ATAA Western Region Vice President <i>Speakers:</i> <b>Dr. Ayça Altıntuğ</b> , Past President, American Turkish Association of Southern California <b>Engin Ateş</b> , President, Turkish American Society of Northeast Ohio <b>Hande Ayan</b> , Past President, American Turkish Association of Washington, DC <b>Müge Türkman</b> , Past President, Maryland American Turkish Association <b>Mehmet Yaya</b> , President, Turkish American Cultural Association of Michigan
6:10pm-6:20pm	<b>Closing Remarks</b>
7:00pm-11:30pm	<b>40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala</b>
7:00pm-8:00pm	<b>Reception</b>
8:00pm-11:30pm	<b>Welcoming Remarks</b> <b>Keynote Speech by Prof. Dr. Emre Kongar</b> <b>Dinner &amp; Annual Awards Ceremony</b> <b>Live Music by Zeynep Moore &amp; AlaTurka Band</b>