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## Editorial

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Future FCE conferences will also be held in Istanbul, a city uniting two continents with different cultures and civilisations, from the ancient Greek, Roman, and Ottoman Empires to the modern Republic of Turkey. Thus, it has always played an important role as a city of culture and power in history.

We are pleased to invite you to join us as participants from academia and industry to take part and exchange knowledge in next FCE conferences.

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