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### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Mutfak Dostları Derneği (Gastronomic Society of Turkey) is Turkey's oldest non-governmental organization in the field of gastronomy and was founded in 1991 in Istanbul. The objectives of MDD are to reveal and develop our richness of cuisine and beverages and food presentation manners through scientific research to promote our cuisine both here in Turkey and also abroad; to provide training in this area and help organizations providing training; to contribute scientifically in determining the place and importance of food and beverage in regard to healthy nutrition; to follow up the developments related with food-beverage locally and internationally; to encourage, propagate and endear such works.

Our association currently has a total of 198 members from many provinces of Turkey and as well as from Adana, including leading names of Turkish gastronomy.

Mutfak Dostları Derneği (Gastronomic Society of Turkey) has implemented EU-funded ESSEDRA project, "Environmentally of Sustainable Socio-Economic Development Rural Areas" (Environmental and Socio-Economic Sustainable Development in Rural Areas) in the Balkans between 2012-2016 as Slow Food's partner in Turkey. In addition, our association carries out other pioneering projects such as "Anatolian Tastes Inventory", "Geographical Indication System", Golden Spoon Gastronomy Awards that contribute to the gastronomy sector of Turkey and promote our cuisine.

Adana is one of Turkey's most important gastronomic cities; it has a fascinating cuisine, history and culture. By voluntarily organizing seminar and panel sessions, our association wholeheartedly supports Tastes of Adana Festival, which contributes greatly to Adana cuisine and tourism.

As Mutfak Dostları Derneği (Gastronomic Society of Turkey), we believe that richness of Adana cuisine comes from the city's being home of many civilizations for centuries and footsteps of these civilizations are still present in local cuisine. This outstanding cuisine has created a unique synthesis under the influence of the Western, Near Eastern, Arabic and above all Anatolian and Turkish cultures in the course of history and now is ready to be recognized by the world as it deserves.

We support Adana to become a UNESCO City of Gastronomy and wish you good luck!

  
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