



Liguria Region has been introduced to those working in Turkish tourism

Intra Tours-DMC organised for top tourism officials to come to Istanbul from Liguria Region to promote their region to those working in Turkish tourism at a meeting and a workshop.

The introductory meeting and workshop was organised by Intra tourism at the Marmara Hotel on 17th April. There was a lot of interest in the workshop which was attended by outgoing Turkish travel agents and tour operators.

Intra Tours' CEO, Ertugrul Karaoglu opened the meeting, and introduced the President of Sistema Turistico Golfo dei Poeti, Damiano Pinelli who said "The close relationship between peoples of the two areas is very important. In the past they developed a close relationship as sea-faring peoples, and Istanbul, with its strategic position at the cross-roads of two continents, had close commercial ties with the city of Genoa. This wonderful, welcoming city provides a wealth of cultural and touristic experiences. It can find much in common with the maritime city of Genoa, with its natural beauty and rich art. It was in 2006 that a delegation from Liguria Region first met the Beyoglu Municipality. In order to further strengthen the ties between the two cities, in June we want to arrange a photographic exhibition which will take place in both Istanbul and Genoa." "We are very happy that we have had the opportunity to get to know your beautiful city better and to strengthen the historic ties between the Galata region and the Genoese tour operators."

After speeches from Mauro Bolognesi and Marco Greco of the Sistema Turistico Delegation, the Manager of Turkish Airlines in Genoa, Ufuk Unal said that it was very easy to reach Genoa with THY's direct flight services. Following the workshop, guests were treated to Liguria wine and specialities prepared by the head chef of Porto Venere, Abramo Prandi, and everyone had a very enjoyable evening.

48th annual Presidential Cycling Tour of Turkey (TUR), ended on Sunday, April 29, in Istanbul

Bulgarian cyclist Ivailo Gabrovski of Turkey's Konya Torku Seker Spor team was crowned champion in the overall individual classification with a time of 28:48:10.

Most of the avenues and the Bosphorus bridge was closed to motored vehicle traffic. The race started with Alanya - Antalya lap on the 22 of April, overall path was 1174 Km long.

The last lap of the race started from the old city, Sultan Ahmet next to the Hagia Sophia Church. After pedaling 121 Km. from Europe to Asia, ended in Bostanci.



The roads were cleared of traffic on Sunday, above cyclists pedaling in Bagdat Avenue of Istanbul