

# MASTERS OF MAPS : PIRI REIS AND MERCATOR

This symposium and exhibition on the giants of 16th-century cartography coincides with the Belgian economic mission to Turkey from 15 to 20 October 2012. The symposium wants to celebrate the 500th birthday of the cartographer Gerard Mercator, who was born in Rupelmonde, Belgium. This academic forum also wishes to be an introduction to the Unesco Piri Reis year (2013) and its activities which will start in a few months.

## **Friday, 19 October:**

**9.40**

Welcoming Speech by *Prof.Dr. Dilek Önkal*

**9.45**

Introduction to the symposium by *Prof. Dr. Halil İnalçık*

**10.00**

*Session Mercator*

***Dr Thomas Horst***

“Gerhard Mercator (1512-1594) and his monumental works”

***Prof. Dr. Philippe De Maeyer:***

“Mercator and his influence to the present: from globes to GIS”

***Dr. Jan Parmentier***

“Navigation in the Low Countries during the 16th and 17th centuries.”

**12.30**

*Lunch*

**14.00**

*Session Piri Reis*

***Dr. Dimitris Loupis***

“Piri Reis and Ottoman Nautical Charting in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries”

***Doç.Dr. Bülent Arı***

“ Piri Reis’ Major Work : The Kitab-ı Bahriye “

***Doç. Dr. İbrahim Yılmaz***

“Cartographic and Geodetic Data in the Unique Works of Piri Reis”

**Venue Bilkent University Campus**

**Mithat Çoruh Amphi and Exposition Space**