Metropolises have been going through challenging times and Istanbul was not an exception. The city has been affected largely and, as a result, has decreased in the 2016 ICCA rankings.

However, from the broader perspective, Istanbul hosted several high-profile congresses in 2016, such as the World Energy Congress with 10,000 delegates; the World Investment Conference with 350 delegates; the World Humanitarian Summit with 9,000 delegates; and the World Congress of the Universal Federation of Travel Agents' Association. Thanks to such significant congresses, new steps were taken in Istanbul for new investments and international collaborations.

In terms of international congresses, Istanbul ranked 39th in the ICCA rankings 2016. In total, Istanbul hosted 181 international congresses and meetings with 84,200 delegates and 62 of these congresses were listed by the International Congress and Convention Association (ICCA). During the same period, Istanbul hosted 288 domestic congresses with a total number of 78,600 delegates. Besides, Istanbul has been chosen as the 8th most visited city in the world with 11.9 million international visitors in 2016.

Istanbul continues to host prestigious congresses in 2017 as well, just to name a few; World Petroleum Congress (WPC) with 5,000 delegates, Apimondia International Apicultural Congress with 8,000 delegates, World Conference of the International Association of Science Parks (IASP) and WFNS World Congress of Neurosurgery. (fun)

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