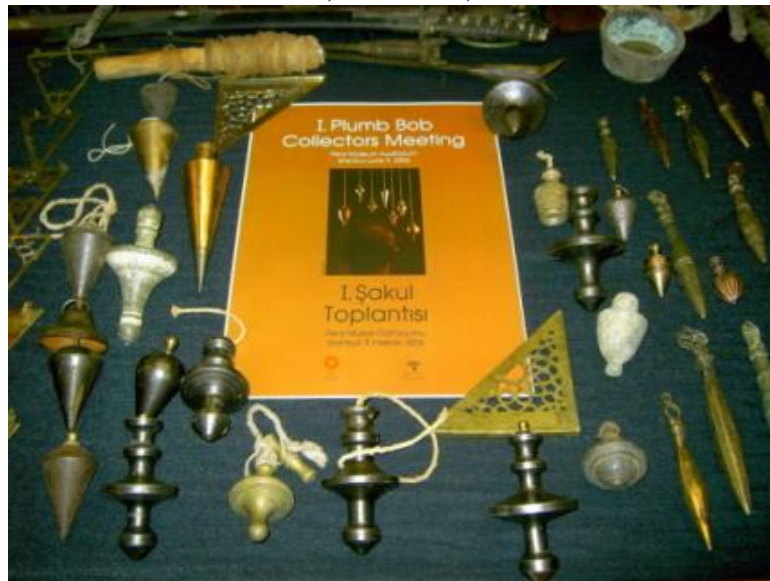


REPORT  
1. PLUMB BOB COLLECTORS MEETING  
ISTANBUL / TURKEY  
June 8, – June 11, 2006



It was a long way from the first idea of Riccardo Chetoni, Wolfgang Rucker and Dogan Basak to this succesful meeting. But the 18 months were well used.

The organisation in Istanbul was realized by Dr. Dogan Basak.



The 7 collectors from 5 European countries arrived Istanbul during the week. Some with family members. Wednesday june 8, we met 7.30 pm in the KONAK HOTEL [www.hotelkonak.com](http://www.hotelkonak.com) and had an excellent dinner together.



„THE LUCKY SEVEN“  
from left to right.

Dogan Basak (Türky),  
Primitivo Gonzales (Spain),  
Jean Paul Michel (France),  
Alberto Celva (Italy),  
Wolfgang Rucker (Germany),  
Ali Enginsal (Türky),  
Riccardo Chetoni (Italy).

We talked in 5 languages and it was very funny. It was a very interesting and long evening (night).

Fryday 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 am we went to the PERA MUSEUM [www.peramusezi.org.tr](http://www.peramusezi.org.tr) to make and hear the different presentations.



PROGRAM  
**I. ŞAKUL TOPLANTISI - İSTANBUL**  
**I. PLUMB BOB COLLECTORS MEETING - ISTANBUL**  
**JUNE 9., 2006**

10.00 Açılış/ *Opening*: **Özalp Birol**  
Pera Müzesi Direktörü  
*Director of Pera Museum*



- **Doğan Başak**  
Sembol olarak şakul  
*Plumb bob as a symbol*



- **Wolfgang Rucker**  
Dünyadan şakuller  
*Plumb bobs of the world*



Kahve molası- *Coffee Break*

- **Nezih Başgelen**  
Osmanlı mimarisinde şakul ve havai terazi üzerinde gözlemler  
*Observations on plumb bobs & triangle plumb bobs in the Ottoman Architecture*



- **Riccardo Chetoni**  
İtalyan şakulleri  
*Italian plumb bobs*



Öğle yemeği arası- *Lunch break*

- **Ali Enginsal**  
Mimari açıdan şakul  
*Plumb bob from architectural viewpoint*



- **Primitivo Gonzales**  
İspanyol şakulleri  
*Spanish plumb bobs*



Kahve molası- *Coffee Break*

- **Haluk Perk**  
Haluk Perk Müzesinden antik dönem şakuller  
*Antique plumb bobs from Haluk Perk Museum*



- **Wolfgang Rucker**  
Şakul yapımı  
*PRODUCTION of plumb bobs*  
...*Searching for PATENTS of plumb bobs*



18:00 Kapanış/ *Closing remarks*

We have had two translators for Turkish/English and Turkish/Spanish.



The coffeebreak was made in the excellent rooms of the museum.

We had the lunch in the restaurant of the freemasons lodge with a beautiful view over the historical part of Istanbul.



After the presentations we visited the different exhibitions in the Pera Museum. They have also some interesting ottoman plumb bobs.



In the evening we were invited to visit the privat collection of the architect Naim Arnas. He has in his house a huge collection of very old and historical pieces. He has more than many of the museums. His collection of ottoman plumb bobs (type 1,2,5) was very impressive.



Saturday Dogan has rent a small bus with driver, because it is impossible to find a parking place in Istanbul. The driver dropped at every visiting point and took us after the visit. Dogan was supported the whole days by his friend Vedit Engin. This day was planned as a sightseeing day. We drove along the Bosphorus up to the Black Sea. There we visited a small private museum with some plumb bobs.



For coffee break we entered the small hotel „Empress Zoe“ nearby the Hagia Sofia. The garden of this hotel is like a green silent oasis in the busy downtown of Istanbul. Thanks to the wife of Vedit Engin for the snacks and drinks.

Of course we visited the „Great Bazaar“. Here we found with the help of our guide some dealers who were selling plumb bobs (original and fakes. For lunch we had an original turkish meal: Big beans and rice.



After a visit in a technic museum directly on the Golden Horn we left Europa and crossed the Bosphorus over a big bridge to the asian part of Istanbul.



Dogan and his wife Nazli did invite us for the evening. Riccado gave them as a gift a wooden level with plumb bob. After that we checked the interesting collection of ottoman plumb bobs from . We met some of the



participants of the fryday-meeting and some friends of the family. This evening was a really nice end of our official part of the meeting. For each of the participant Nazli gave us a T-shirt with the plumb bob meeting logo. Very late we came back from Asia to Europe in a taxi ..



Sunday we used in small groupes for sightseeing or to buy more plumb bobs in the Bazaar. In the evening we left Istanbul from the Atatürk-Airport back home in our countries.

These days in Istanbul were very exciting and we did visit some important collections with ottoman plumb bobs. So we learned a lot about plumb bobs and also about the turkish way of life.

## WHERE WE ARE NEXT TIME?



We decided that we will make a meeting every two years. (Not each year). We try to make the next meeting 2008 in the tool museum „MAISON DE L'OUTIL“ in Troyes/ France, [www.maison-de-l-outil.com](http://www.maison-de-l-outil.com)



Jean Paul Michel accepted to speak with the director of the museum to check the possibilities.  
Thank you for this help.

Everybody who visited the museum before, knows what we will see: A lot of informations about tools, tools, tools. Also a collection of more than 100 plumb bobs and A-levels. That is a lot for a museum.



### **REMARK:**

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