



Figen Ayan, MedCruise Board of Directors Chief Port Officer, Galataport Istanbul

Born in Paris, Figen Ayan is a French and Turkish citizen. Ayan studied at, and obtained her diploma in, “Lettres Modernes” from La Sorbonne – Paris IV in 1994.

Since February 2014 Figen Ayan serves as the Chief Port Officer at Galataport Istanbul. Ms. Ayan has been a Ministry of Culture and Tourism professional tourist guide, licensed in the French and English languages, since 1997.

From 2014, Ms. Ayan has been acting as the Board Member of the international Medcruise Association, representing hundreds of cruise ports in the Mediterranean.

She started her professional life in the cruise industry in 1994 at ITS (International Travel Services) company and continued her tourism career in 1999 with Tura Tourism as its Aegean Region Manager. Subsequently, she acted as the Marketing and Communications Manager of Global Investment Holdings until 2005. For a period of 6 months, Ayan worked at Arkas -MSC as Port Management Manager for Turkey. She started back at Global Investment Holdings’ subsidiary company Global Ports Holding in 2006 as the Marketing Director of Kusadasi, Bodrum and Antalya cruise ports. She actively contributed to the Business Development department of the company to acquire and insert the cruise ports of Barcelona-Spain and Lisbon- Portugal to their portfolio.

For the past 15 years, Ms. Ayan has been attaching importance to personal development and alternative therapies; she participated on international breath trainings, family constellation and various meditative therapies. She is currently an advanced trainee for Somatic Experiencing®, which is a body-oriented approach to the healing of trauma and other stress disorders.

