

Editorial



Dear Colleagues,

I would like to welcome you to another **attractive issue**, in which you will find an opportunity to read many important articles from Turkey and other countries. One of them is an interesting research article determining baseline laparoscopic and robotic skills of high school and college students and comparing them to those of current obstetrics and gynecology residents. You will also read an attractive paper determining the prevalence of domestic violence during pregnancy in a metropolitan city, İstanbul. Herein is presented another highly scientific article investigating the role of melatonin on uterine myoelectrical activity of non-pregnant rats. You will also find a review discussing cervical premalignant lesions and their management.

As the **Turkish - German Gynecological Education and Research Foundation (TAJEV)**, we are proud that our **Tenth Congress** was conducted in **Antalya on April 30th - May 4th, 2014** with a high scientific quality. The congress was organized at the brand new Titanic Deluxe Hotel - Belek with a great interest from the gynecology and obstetrics society by more than **1.200 participants** and faculty members from **29 different countries**.

The congress started with six pre-congress courses and hands-on training sessions in different interests. The courses were followed by the impressive opening conference, presented by the **Lifetime Honorary Member** of our foundation, **Prof. Camran Nezhat** about "The Future Surgeon, the Future Surgeries and How it has Evolved". The program was presented in **43 sessions** in 4 parallel halls by **125 Turkish and 42 international faculty members**. The experts have shared their knowledge and experiences widely with the participants from the basic terms to the latest innovations in all topics of interest in the field of obstetrics & gynecology, and related disciplines.

We have enriched our scientific program this year with **two live surgeries**, one **from USA** and the other one **from Italy** performed by the worldwide experts. As well as our previous congresses, we continued our tradition of collaborated sessions this year with the **AAGL - TAJEV Joint Session on Endoscopy** and **NOGGO - TAJEV Joint Session on Oncology**.

Many prestigious pharmaceutical, instrumental and appliances companies found a great opportunity to introduce their current and brand new products and services to the participants in our congress. On the other hand, the participants had a chance to be informed of the latest innovations and technology in scientific medicine and devices industry at the exhibition area. **Five satellite symposiums** were also organized with the support of industry on up-to-date topics.

A total of **612 abstracts** have been collected by the online abstract submission system from many different countries. From these submitted abstracts; 534 poster, 35 oral, and 14 video abstracts have been accepted and presented. **Best three abstracts**, evaluated and selected by the scientific secretariat of the congress, were financially awarded with a total of 6.000 TL. The best abstract in endoscopic surgery category was also rewarded with **Dr. Aysun - Cihat Ünlü Special Prize** in the value of 4.000 TL.

The **gala** of the congress with the great performance of Turkish Pop Singer **Yalın** was a great relaxation and a cream of the crop for the participants before going back to their home after four days of scientific program.

The feedbacks of almost each participant were very positive about the organization, social activities, hotel selection and the high level of scientific program. These feedbacks and positive comments are encouraging and stimulating us to make even better and better activities and meetings in the future.

I wish you a beautiful summer holiday with a plenty of sun.

Best regards,

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