

Editorial



Dear Colleagues,

It is my great pleasure to meet with you again in the first issue of the Journal of the Turkish - German Gynecological Association (J Turk Ger Gynecol Assoc) in the publishing year of 2016.

I would like to remind you that the archive of our journal starting with September 2009 issue has been indexed in PubMed Central and available for access. It is important to remember the journal is an Open Access publication and the full text content of its archive is available free of charge. We hope that this will improve the journal's international visibility and recognition which will in turn positively affect our citation activity. I kindly ask all of my colleagues to keep this in mind while working on a new project.

In this issue you will read many interesting international papers, from Greece to Egypt, from Brasil to Germany, India and USA. As you know, gestational diabetes mellitus is associated with significant maternal and neonatal complications. In this issue, you will read a paper from Germany, explaining how a new screening test was implemented in German Gynecologists' routine practice. A paper from Turkey investigates the utility of preoperative neutrophil-to-lymphocyte ratio, platelet-to-lymphocyte ratio, and lymphocyte count as biomarkers to distinguish malignant from benign ovarian masses. Emergency peripartum hysterectomy is performed as a life-saving procedure in cases of intractable obstetric hemorrhage. You will read an evaluation on emergency peripartum hysterectomy cases over a 14-year period in a tertiary center in Turkey. Ovarian cancer is still one of the most difficult types of cancer to combat, and the mortality rate is high. An alternative approach to the current therapy of ovarian carcinoma is the individualization of treatment by determining the sensitivity of tumoral tissue to chemotherapeutic agents before the initiation of chemotherapy. The objectives of one of the study that you will read are to determine the efficacy of in vitro chemosensitivity assays in ovarian carcinoma and to measure the correlation of three leading assays. Besides all of these manuscripts, you will also find other very interesting articles, case reports, a review and a quiz in this issue. Enjoy reading!

I wish to extend my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to everyone who dedicated their time to deliver expertise, effort, and contribution to this publication and evaluation process, and I would welcome your participation and contributions in this journal as the loyal readers.

Dear Colleagues,

Eleventh Turkish German Gynecology Congress on 11-15 May 2016 will be held in Belek, Antalya, Turkey. We are happy to invite all our dear friends and colleagues to this forthcoming scientific event. This time our congress venue will be the newly constructed Sueno Hotels Deluxe's Convention Center in Belek. Our 11th congress will both act as a means for our colleagues to catch up with the current developments in our field in the most efficient way and also as a means of escaping the routine and stresses of the daily life, meeting with friends and fellows in a relaxing atmosphere. We are pretty confident that you will be happy to benefit from the rich scientific agenda of the congress and also will enjoy the atmosphere and fascinating social program.

Our foundation which has been organizing one of the biggest congresses of Turkey for the past twenty years has worked hard to organize a unique and memorable meeting. At this year's congress every morning we will be having keynote lectures with the world's most reputable speakers; May 11, Wednesday Prof. Sara Brucker (Surgical Gynecology - Quo Vadis?) and Prof. Camran Nezhat (Future Surgeons, Future Surgeries and Future Training), May 12, Thursday Prof. Serdar Bulun (Targeting stem cells to treat uterine leiomyomas), May 13, Friday Prof. Karl Oliver Kagan (Pregnancy as window for future health) and May 14, Saturday Prof. Uzi Beller ("Preventing Ovarian Cancer" – A strategy with hope). In addition, our congress will have two live surgeries, one from France the other from USA, with the moderation by Prof. Ceana Nezhat.

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In our forthcoming 11th congress, besides having an enriched scientific program, we are also having pre-congress courses. Even though we have newly announced our courses there seems to be an overwhelming demand, due to this we kindly ask you to realize your registration without further delay. Hope to see you all in Antalya on May 11, 2016.

Dear Researchers,

The best 3 abstracts submitted to the Congress Scientific Committee within the scope of the XI. Turkish-German Gynaecology Congress will be rewarded with the Bayer Abstract Award. The best abstract in the field of “Contemporary Treatments in Endometriosis” will be rewarded with 5000 TL. As traditional, the best abstracts submitted in the field of Endoscopic Surgery will receive a 4000 TL Aysun – Cihat ÜNLÜ reward. The aim of these awards is to appreciate the prolificacy of our colleagues in research projects and to encourage especially our young colleagues for the forthcoming years.

Please do not forget to mark 11-15 May 2016 on your calendars in order to not to miss this scientific festival.

Your sincerely,
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