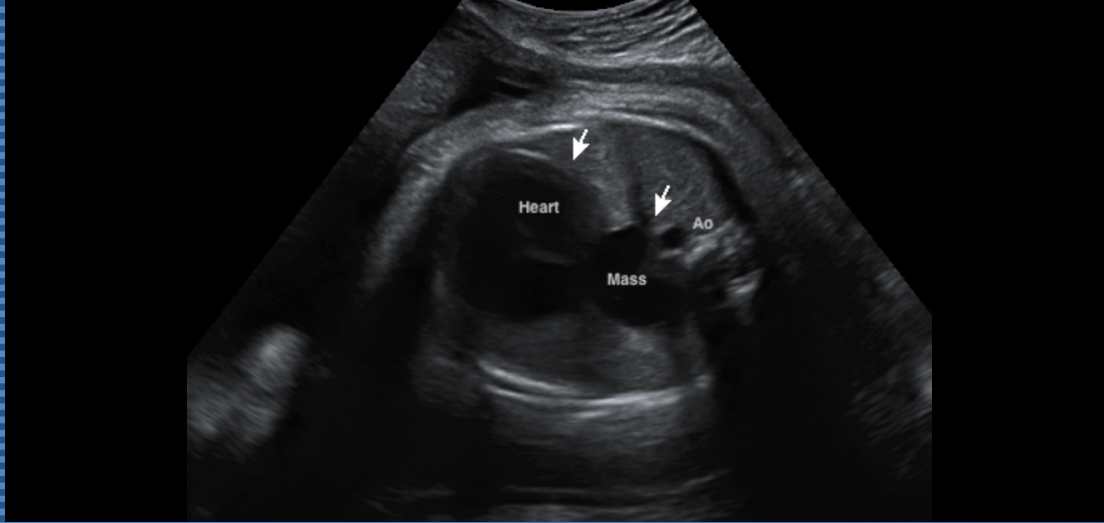




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This coming spring, we will be celebrating the **X. Turkish German Gynecology Congress**, which will be held between the dates of April 30th and May 4th, 2014 in Antalya. Our foundation which has been organizing one of the biggest congresses of Turkey for the past twenty years has worked hard to organize a unique and memorable organization at its decennial anniversary. It is always our biggest pride that the interest of the gynecology and obstetrics community in our congress is increasing steadily. I am very proud to announce that **more than 500 abstracts** have already been submitted for presentation at our congress in poster, oral and video presentation categories. The best three of them will be financially awarded with a total of **5.000 TL**. The best abstract in Endoscopic Surgery category will also be awarded with **4.000 TL**. 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.

In addition to the pre-congress courses, hands-on training sessions, satellite symposiums and round table meetings taking place in our congresses regularly; we have enriched our scientific program with **live surgeries and innovative sessions**. As well as our previous congresses, we continue our tradition of collaborated sessions this year with the **AAGL - TAJEV Joint Session on Endoscopy** and **NOGGO - TAJEV Joint Session on Oncology**. Several leading scholars are invited in order to share their knowledge and experiences with the participants in special themes.

Please do not forget to mark **April 30th, 2014** on your calendars in order to not to miss this scientific festival.

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Journal of the Turkish-German Gynecological Association

2nd International Research Awards on Obstetrics & Gynecology

Dear Readers and Colleagues,

As you know, back in June 2013 we have announced that **Journal of Turkish-German Gynecological Association (JTGGA)** would accept submissions to compete in the **2nd International Research Awards on Obstetrics & Gynecology**.

Following the announcement, we were overjoyed by the interest we have received from international researchers. We have received many high quality submissions in this period. On behalf of the editorial, I would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the participants for submitting their valuable manuscripts for evaluation to win the award.

All participating manuscripts were peer-reviewed to evaluate their scientific contribution to the international literature, originality and content by external reviewers. We would also like to thank to all of our reviewers whose valuable opinions guided us to choose the best among many high quality manuscripts.

The evaluation committee, formed by the editorial board of the **Journal of Turkish-German Gynecological Association** has reviewed every single manuscript. Unfortunately the committee could not decide on a manuscript to win the 1st place among the submissions. The winners of the 2nd and 3rd places are listed below.

2nd Place

The effect of Silymarin on VEGF, VEGFR-1 and IL-1 α levels in placental cultures of severe preeclamptic women

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3rd Place

The role of TWIST, SERPINB5 and SERPIN1 genes for leiomyoma uteri

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On behalf of the editorial board of the **Journal of Turkish-German Gynecological Association** and the **Turkish-German Gynecological Education and Research Foundation** I would like to congratulate the winners.

The awards of the winners will be presented to them during the opening ceremony of the X. Turkish German Gynecology Congress which will be held on **April 30th, 2014 in Antalya, Turkey**.

Yours Faithfully,

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