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

In this latest issue, we have included many high quality manuscripts. One of them is a meta-analysis reviewing the recent literature and updating a previous systematic review and this study investigates the potential role of chorionic villus sampling in increasing the subsequent rate of occurrence of preeclampsia and gestational hypertension. You will also read an interesting paper determining the role of *BRCA1* and *BRCA2* gene mutations in the etiology of premature ovarian insufficiency in a Turkish population. The presence of mutations of *BRCA1* or *BRCA2* genes are associated with an increase in the risk of breast, ovarian, fallopian tube and peritoneal cancers. Herein is presented another highly scientific article reviewing cases with peritoneal cancer after prophylactic bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy and discussing the possible etiology of this rare entity as well as the possible changes in the management of such patients. As usual, we have included a quiz too, which we are sure that you will enjoy solving.

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During the congress we had keynote lectures with the world's most reputable speakers; Prof. Sara Brucker, Prof. Camran Nezhat, Prof. Serdar Bulun, Prof. Karl Oliver Kagan. In addition, there were two live surgeries, one from France the other from USA, with the moderation by Prof. Ceana Nezhat. I am sure that these lectures will positively contribute to the education and progress of your participants.

We have wasted no time and we have already started to work on TAJEV 2018. If you have any feedback regarding TAJEV 2016 that you would like to share with us, please do not hesitate to get in direct contact with us.

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