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Committees and Biographies

Invited Speakers



Cezmi Akdiş

(Davos, Switzerland)

Swiss Institute of Allergy and Asthma Research (SIAF)

Cezmi Akdiş is the director of the Swiss Institute of Allergy and Asthma Research (SIAF) located in Davos and Ordinarius Professor in Zurich University Medical Faculty. He is a Senate Member of the Swiss Academy of Medical Sciences. Cezmi Akdiş has published more than 600 peer-reviewed articles. His h-index is 110 and he was selected as a highly cited author consecutively in 2016–2017–2018–2019–2020 and 2021 by Clarivate (Thomson Reuters) with approximately 70 thousand citations. Cezmi Akdiş acted as the President of the European Academy of Allergy & Clinical Immunology (14'000 members) between 2011–2013. He was the editor of Global Atlases of Allergy, Asthma I–II, Chronic Rhinosinusitis and Allergic Rhinitis. He was the founder and organizer of the World Immune Regulation Meetings, Davos I–XV (600–1000 participants). He is currently the Editor-in-Chief of Allergy, impact factor 13.15. Cezmi Akdiş's major scientific contributions are on immune regulation and allergen tolerance, plasticity of antigen-specific T cells 1995, human T regulatory cells 1996, immune suppressive role of histamine receptor 2 2000, human Type 2 NK cell subset 2001, human regulatory NK cells 2007, regulatory innate B cell subset 2017, regulatory innate lymphoid cells 2019. His current research is the continuation of his epithelial barrier hypothesis studies starting from mechanisms of eczema 2000, mechanisms of epithelial shedding in asthma and chronic rhinosinusitis 2003, endotypes of asthma, chronic rhinosinusitis and atopic dermatitis 2011, epithelial barrier hypothesis for the development of allergic and autoimmune diseases 2015–2022. Cezmi Akdiş is an author of more than 40 publications on Covid-19 and SARS-CoV-2 including pathophysiology, risk factors, severity, patient characteristics and how to handle allergy and asthma patients during the pandemic.



Hande Özdinler

(Chicago, IL, USA)

Department of Neurology, Northwestern University,
Feinberg School of Medicine

Dr. Özdinler is an Associate Professor of Neurology at the Department of Neurology, Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine. She is the founding director of the Özdinler Upper Motor Neuron Lab, focusing on the biology and pathology of upper motor neurons, which degenerate in diseases such as ALS, HSP and PLS. Dr. Özdinler graduated from Boğaziçi University, Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics, earned Best Master Thesis award, and went to the United States for PhD. She studied with Prof. Dr. Reha Erzurumlu at LSUHSC, and earned PhD in Cell Biology, Anatomy and Neuroscience. She then went to Harvard Medical School, Neurosurgery Department for her postdoctoral studies and received a HCNR fellowship. She was recruited to Northwestern University in 2008 and continues to work at Northwestern. Özdinler's research is funded by NIH, NIA and numerous foundations.

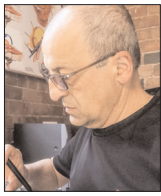


Helen Elizabeth O'Connell

(Melbourne, Australia)

Professor of Urology

Professor Helen O'Connell is an academic Urologist based in Melbourne who was Director of Surgery and Head of Urology at Western Health from 2016–21. Recently elected Vice President Urology Society of Australian and New Zealand she has held major leadership roles including examiner and Councillor for Royal Australasian College of Surgeons 2005–2014. She is a world renowned anatomy researcher.



Levent Efe
(Melbourne, Australia)
Medical illustration Studios

Dr. Levent Efe's pre-medical illustration years were preceded by medical practice, Anatomy and Artistic anatomy teaching. He has been running a Melbourne-based freelance business in medical illustration and animations for a world-wide clientele for over 30 years. Dr. Levent Efe specializes in building concepts and visual narratives for surgical publications. He recently introduced to the industry the concepts of Animated Graphical Abstracts, and Surgery Live Sketching.

- 2010 Projektgrant Freundeskreis der HFBK
- Studiogrants in Istanbul, Mobilitätsstipendium der Karl-Heinz-Ditze Stiftung Hamburg

Publications:

- 2021 Sexed Power, MoM Art Space, Hamburg
- 2020 Peer to Piece, Galerie im Marstall, Ahrensburg
- 2019 Anna Lena Grau, Positionbestimmungen und andere Erzählungen (S.102–113), Textem Verlag, Hamburg
- 2011 friendsandloversinunderground, Textem Verlag, Hamburg
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- <https://squirt-eis.org>
- <https://www.instagram.com/juliafrankenber/>



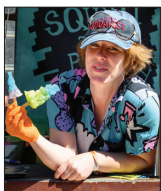
Kyung Ah Park
(Seoul, South Korea)
*Professor Emeritus, Yonsei University
College of Medicine*

Professor Dr. Kyung Ah Park is Prof. Emeritus of Yonsei University College of Medicine. She has taught Anatomy, Histology and Neuroanatomy for 40 years. She received her MS from Korea University and she earned her Doktor der Medizin from Kiel University, Germany under supervision of Prof. Dr. Robert F. Schmidt. She received several awards, including 'Prof. of the year' in Yonsei University College of Medicine three times from students. Also, she received 'Distinguished Prof. Award' from Yonsei University. She has served as President of Medical Women's International Association.



Hugues Duffau
(Montpellier, France)
*Department of Neurosurgery, Gui de Chauliac
Hospital, Montpellier University Medical Center*

Professor Hugues Duffau, MD, PhD is the Professor and Chairman of the Department of Neurosurgery, Gui de Chauliac Hospital, Montpellier University Medical Center and also the Director of the Team "Brain plasticity, Stem cells and Diffuse Low-Grade Gliomas" at the National Institute for Health and Medical Research (INSERM), France. He was awarded with the Victory of Medicine (French National Award in Medicine) in 2009 and 2010, and the Herbert Olivecrona Medal (Karolinska Institute) in 2010. He received Doctorate Honoris Causa from KU Leuven, University of Messina, and University of IberoAmerica. He is also a Member of the French National Academy of Medicine, the French National Academy of Surgery, and the Royal Academy of Medicine of Belgium. Hugues Duffau has published more than 500 peer-reviewed articles. His h-index is 87 and his work received more than 27 thousand citations. He is still serving as a Member of the Editorial Board of many highly reputed journals including Brain and Language, Neurosurgery, Neuro-Oncology, Central European Neurosurgery, European Journal of Surgical Oncology, Acta Neurochirurgica, and World Neurosurgery His main fields of interests are brain tumor surgery, neuro-oncology, low-grade gliomas, functional brain mapping, neuroplasticity, awake surgery, hodotopy, connectomics, quality of life, and cognitive neurosciences.



Julia Frankenberg
(Berlin, Germany)
Sculptural Intervention, Squirt Eis

Julia Frankenberg is a sculptor living in Berlin, where she does collaborations and solo art projects. She studied fine arts in Weimar and Hamburg and exhibits in Germany and worldwide. In her artistic work, she researches overlooked potentials that have despite a patriarchal "NO - THERE ISN'T" left traces since all Ages but especially since industrial revolution. She wants to win back these overlooked potentials back for life and social space in a feministic and experimental way and with the help of artistic forms and outrageous materials.

Prizes/ Awards/ Scholarships:

- 2021/2 Grant Deutscher Künstlerbund Neustart Modul D
- 2021 Grant, Art in Public Space, Draussenstadt Mitte, Berlin
- 2020 Festivalgrant, Cafe Royal Stiftung, Hamburg
- 2018 Scholarship Kunsthallenstipendium 2018, Kunsthalle Stadt Kempten
- 2011 Nomination Kunstpreis Junger Westen, Recklinghausen



Türker Kılıç
(Istanbul, Turkey)
*Department of Neurosurgery, Bahçeşehir University,
Faculty of Medicine*

Dr. Türker Kılıç is a Professor of Neurosurgery. He conducted his post-doctoral work on brain tumors and treatments at Harvard University and holds a PhD degree in Anatomy. In 2015, Prof. Kılıç was selected to the European Academy of Sciences and Arts, one of the three most important academies in the world with over 30 Nobel Prize winners and a total of 15 Turkish members since its inception a quar-

ter of a century ago. Dr. Kılıç was nominated as a fellow to the World Academy of Art and Science in May 2019, and in 2021, he was elected as a member of the World Academy of Art and Science (WAAS), the most distinguished scientific academy in the world founded by Albert Einstein, Bertrand Russell, Robert Oppenheimer in 1960 and under the auspices of the United Nations. Prof. Kılıç became the 8th scientist and the first neurosurgeon elected from all fields of science from our country to this Academy, which has a 62-year history. Having received medical training at Hacettepe, Marmara and Harvard Universities, Dr. Kılıç has been carrying out his academic work as the founding dean of the Bahçeşehir University School of Medicine since 2012. His research interest areas include the Mind-Brain Connection, Brain and Hypophysis Tumors, Microsurgery of Blood Vessels in the Brain, Intraoperative MRI. Prof. Kılıç has been invited as a guest lecturer by more than 10 universities, including Harvard Medical School, Yale Medical School, and Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Kılıç has received over 100 awards throughout his career for his contributions to medicine. His most prized awards are the European Association of Neurosurgical Societies Scientific Research Award (1999) and the American Association of Neurosurgery Award for Tumor Research in 2001. Prof. Kılıç, who has an H-index score of 36 and over 200 academic publications that have received +4000 citations, is the inventor of various brain surgery methods and has made significant contributions to Glivec, a smart drug for brain tumors. He is among the pioneers of Gamma-Knife Surgery, Tumor Banking, and Intraoperative MRI in Turkey. In addition to his ongoing scientific research, Dr. Kılıç is involved in Medical Education and Science Education. Dr. Kılıç's speeches on Science and Science Education have received over 10 million views online. Dr. Kılıç is the author of the books, published in 2021; *Yeni Bilim: Bağlantısallık*, *Yeni Kültür: Yaşamdaşlık*, published by the Ayrıntı press, and *Beyin Nedir'den Yaşam Nedir'e Bir Hayat Serüveni: Türker Kılıç*, published by Epsilon press. He is also the Founding Chair of the Istanbul Neurosciences Institute established in 2020.



Scott Gilbert

(Swarthmore, PA, USA)

Howard A. Schneiderman Professor Emeritus of Biology,
Swarthmore College

Scott F. Gilbert is the Howard A. Schneiderman Professor of Biology, emeritus, at Swarthmore College, where he teaches developmental genetics, embryology, and the history and critiques of biology. He is also a Finland Distinguished Professor, emeritus, at the University of Helsinki. He received his B.A. in both biology and religion from Wesleyan University, and he earned his PhD in biology from the pediatric genetics laboratory of Dr. Barbara Migeon at Johns Hopkins University. His M.A. in the history of science, also from The Johns Hopkins University, was done under the supervision of Dr. Donna Haraway. He pursued postdoctoral research at the University of Wisconsin in the laboratories of Dr. Masayasu Nomura and Dr. Robert Auerbach. Scott has received several awards, including the Service Award for Education and Outreach at the Pan-American Society for Evolutionary Developmental Biology, the Medal of François I from the Collège de France, the Dwight J. Ingle Memorial Writing Award, the Choice Outstanding Academic Book Award, honorary doctorates from the University of Helsinki (Finland) and the University of Tartu (Estonia), and a John Simon Guggenheim Foundation Grant. In 2002, the Society for Developmental Biology awarded him its first Viktor Hamburger Prize for Excellence in Education, and in 2004, he was awarded the Kowalevsky Prize in Evolutionary Developmental Biology. He has been elected a fellow of the AAAS and the St. Petersburg Society of Naturalists. He received the Burnhill Award from the American Reproductive Health Association in 2009. In 1994, Scott established the first website for a textbook, and he is also the co-author of a digitally-based history of developmental biology. He continues to do research and write in both developmental biology and in the history and philosophy of biology.

The Organizing Committee



Erdoğan Şendemir

Congress President of IFAA 2022

Professor of Anatomy, Department of Anatomy,
Faculty of Medicine, Bursa Uludağ University, Bursa,
Turkey

Dr. Erdoğan Şendemir was born in Bursa, Turkey in 1960. He graduated from Bursa Anatolian High School in 1978 and from Uludag University Faculty of Medicine in 1985. After finishing his obligatory service in Akhisar, Manisa, he started his specialty in Uludag University, Medical Faculty, Department of Anatomy in 1988 and gave his thesis about "Effects of insulin and/or alfamethylparathyrosine injections on tyrosine hydroxylase activity and catecholamine levels in the adrenal medulla of rats following hemi- or transection of their spinal cords" in 1990. After his military service, he was appointed as

assistant professor at Uludag University, Faculty of Medicine, Department of Anatomy in 1993. In 1994 he spent nine months as a "Visiting Scientist at the Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, MA" and studied in G. Schneider's lab with R.S. Erzurumlu and S. Jhaveri. He received his associate professor title in 1997. Between 1999 and 2000, he continued his research as a "Research Fellow in Louisiana State University (LSU), School of Medicine, Anatomy and Cell Biology Department, New Orleans, LA" for six months with R.S. Erzurumlu. By 2002 he received his professorship and was elected as the Head of Department. He spent two and a half years with G.F. Jirikowski in the Friedrich Schiller Universität (FSU), Anatomie Institut, Anatomie II, Jena as a visiting scientist in 2003–2005. He has two international awards. His scientific fields of interest are: thalamocortical development and neural regulation of sympathoadrenal system.



Çağatay Barut

*Congress Secretary of IFAA 2022
Professor of Anatomy, Faculty of Medicine,
Bahçeşehir University, Istanbul, Turkey*

Çağatay Barut, MD, PhD graduated from Gazi University School of Medicine in 1995 and held his PhD degree in 2001. He was appointed as an assistant professor of anatomy at Bulent Ecevit University (formerly Zonguldak Karaelmas University) School of Medicine in 2001 and as an associate professor in 2009 and as a professor in 2014. He was appointed as a professor in 2015 at Bahçeşehir University School of Medicine. He has 59 international publications, 71 international presentations in international congresses and 335 citations in indexed international scientific journals. He is the Interim Chair of the College of Representatives of the IFAA (International Federation of Associations of Anatomists) and member of the Executive Committee of the IFAA. He is the vice president of Turkish Society of Anatomy and Clinical Anatomy (TSACA). He is an associate editor of *Anatomy (International Journal of Experimental and Clinical Anatomy)*. He is also on the editorial boards of *Journal of Morphological Sciences*, *Acta Medica International* and *ISRN Anatomy*. His research interests are radiological anatomy, clinical anatomy, anatomy education, laterality, morphometric analysis, geometric morphometry, and anthropometry. Besides his academic career, he is interested in photography and medical illustration.

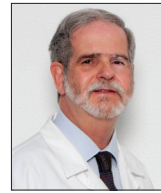


Beverley Kramer

*President of the IFAA
Emeritus Professor of Anatomy, School of Anatomical
Sciences, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of the
Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa*

Beverley obtained her degrees at the University of the Witwatersrand (Wits) in South Africa. She was appointed as the Head of Anatomy in the Department of General Anatomy (Faculty of Dentistry) (1987–1995), and subsequently in the School of Anatomical Sciences (Faculty of Health Sciences) (1996–2003). She also held the position of Assistant Dean for Research and Postgraduate Support in the Wits Faculty of Health Sciences (2008–2016). Beverley was awarded the J.F van Reenen Award for teaching on two occasions and has co-authored three textbooks for students. She has published in the fields of developmental biology, anatomy education and research management. Beverley mentors both early career and senior staff members, a task which she feels is of great importance. She was responsible for initiating the IFAA Newsletter “Plexus” in 2003, the IFAA’s “President’s Emergent Anatomists Programme” in 2018 and was a member of the IFAAs FICAT (anatomical terminology committee) for several years. She is Director of the Carnegie-Wits Alumni Diaspora Programme, a programme which she initiated to “bring home” Alumni from the Diaspora to undertake research collaborations at Wits. Beverley is the recipient of numerous awards, such as the Anatomist Excellence Award (2012) and the Leonardo da Vinci Award (2021) from the International Committee of Symposium on Morphological Sciences (ICSMS). Professor Kramer was awarded the prestigious South African Department of Science and Technology/SARIMA award (2015) for “distinguished contributions to the research management profession”. She is a past-President of the

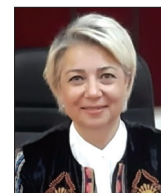
Anatomical Society of Southern Africa and serves on the Board of the ICSMS. She has had the following Fellowships conferred upon her: Honorary Fellow of the Anatomical Society (2015), Fellow of the American Association of Anatomists (2017) and Fellow of the Anatomical Society of Nigeria (2018). Beverley is currently President of the International Federation of Associations of Anatomists (IFAA).



Diogo Pais

*Secretary General of the IFAA
Department of Anatomy, Faculty of Medical
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Diogo Pais graduated from the Faculty of Medical Sciences (NOVA University of Lisbon) in 1982, where he obtained his Master of Sciences Degree (1988) and his PhD (1996) in Medicine (Anatomy) with *summa cum laude*. He is Full Professor, Chairman of the Department of Anatomy and Course Director of Gross Anatomy, Regional Anatomy, Medical Ethics and Law and Legal Medicine, in both pre and postgraduate courses, since 2008. He is Director of the Gross Anatomy Laboratory and Body Donation Officer at the NOVA Medical School. He was honored by several teaching awards, namely “Best Teacher of the Year Award” in the Orthoptics Degree Course of the School of Health Technology of Lisbon in 1992/1993 and three times, between 2003 and 2008, of the Dental Medicine Degree Course at the Faculty of Dentistry (University of Lisbon). At the NOVA Medical School, in Lisbon, he is Member of the Pedagogic Council, Coordinator of the 1st year of the Medical Degree Course and Chairman of the Ethics Research Committee. He is a founding member of the Ethics Committee of the NOVA University of Lisbon. Diogo Pais is a member of numerous Scientific Societies, having been awarded Honorary Membership of the Anatomical Society of Paris and of the Romanian Society of Anatomy and “Special” Membership of the Portuguese Society of Comparative Anatomy. He is currently Secretary-General of the International Federation of Associations of Anatomists (IFAA) and Secretary-General of the International Committee of Symposia on Morphological Sciences (ICSMS). He was President of the European Federation for Experimental Morphology (EFEM) and President of the Portuguese Anatomical Society (AAP|SAP). Diogo Pais’ main research interests are the microvasculature of tissues and organs, anatomical education and medical ethics. He is a member of the Editorial Board and referee of several scientific journals. He is a founding member of TEPARG.



Piraye Kervancıoğlu

*President of the Turkish Society of Anatomy and
Clinical Anatomy
Department of Anatomy, Faculty of Medicine,
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Dr. Piraye Kervancıoğlu is a Professor of Anatomy at the Department of Anatomy, Medical Faculty, Gaziantep University. She was born in Gaziantep in 1968. She graduated from Ankara University, School of Medicine in 1994. She received her degree as an anatomy specialist from the Department of Anatomy, Dicle University, Medical Faculty in 2000. In 2004, she attended as assistant professor to Dicle University, Medical Faculty, Department of Anatomy. She received her associate professor

title in 2006. She has been working at the Department of Anatomy, Medical Faculty, Gaziantep University as professor since 2012. In 2011, she spent three months as a “Visiting Observer” at the Department of Cardiology at Children’s Hospital Boston in Massachusetts, USA. She has taught Anatomy for 22 years. She has more than 40 international publications, more than 25 presentations in international congresses and more than 200 citations in indexed international scientific journals. Dr. Kervancıoğlu has been serving as the Dean of Gaziantep University Faculty of Health Sciences since 2021 and also serving as President of Turkish Society of Anatomy and Clinical Anatomy. She is married and the mother of two sons.



Esat Adıgüzel

*Department of Anatomy, Faculty of Medicine,
Pamukkale University, Denizli, Turkey*

Prof. Dr. Esat Adıgüzel was born in 1966. He graduated from Ankara University School of Medicine in 1988, and completed his residency in Cumhuriyet University Medical School, Department of Anatomy (Sivas-Turkey) between 1993 and 1996. He has been working since then as an academic staff in Pamukkale University Faculty of Medicine, Department of Anatomy (Denizli, Turkey). He served as the president (2018–2020) and is serving as a regular member of the Executive Committee of the Turkish Society of Anatomy and Clinical Anatomy.



Nadire Ünver Doğan

*Department of Anatomy, Faculty of Medicine,
Selçuk University, Konya, Turkey*

Professor Nadire Ünver Doğan graduated from Ankara University School of Medicine in 2000. She worked as a general physician in Aksaray between 2001 and 2003 and started her residency in Anatomy in 2003 at the Selçuk University Meram Faculty of Medicine Department of Anatomy in 2003. She finished her residency in 2007, started working as an assistant professor at Selçuk Faculty of Medicine (2007–2010), and was appointed as an associate professor of anatomy in 2010 at the Selçuk University Faculty of Medicine. Since 2017, she has been working as a professor of anatomy and vice-dean at the same institution. Currently she serves as an Executive Board Member of the Turkish Society of Anatomy and Clinical Anatomy and the Medical Specialization Board of the Ministry of Health. Her research areas are clinical anatomy of the musculoskeletal, cardiovascular and peripheral nervous systems, radiologic anatomy, and fetal anatomy.



Selçuk Tunalı

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Dr. Tunalı was born in Bulgaria from Turkish ancestors in 1973; graduated from Ankara Anadolu Lisesi and Hacettepe University Faculty of Medicine. He got his PhD on human anatomy in 2005 from Hacettepe

University Institute of Health Sciences, Department of Anatomy. He has been in the University of Hawaii School of Medicine as a visiting professor, soon appointed as adjunct assistant professor since 2008. In 2010, he was appointed as assistant professor in the Hacettepe University Faculty of Medicine Department of Anatomy, promoted to associate professor in 2012. In 2013, he was transferred to the TOBB University of Economics and Technology Faculty of Medicine as a founding faculty member, where he was the Vice Dean and then Dean of the Faculty of Medicine. He organized countless cadaveric workshops on clinical and surgical anatomy. He has more than 50 national and international presentations in scientific meetings and 30 international publications in medical journals. He launched a new medical journal in 2008 entitled “International Journal of Anatomical Variations” and served as the Editor-in-Chief and publisher until 2017. He is a member of the Turkish Society of Anatomy and Clinical Anatomy (Council member, 2021– current), American Association of Clinical Anatomists, International Society for Plastination (Secretary 2014–2016, 2016–2018), Anatomical Society, American Association for Anatomy, British Association of Clinical Anatomists, Institute of Anatomical Sciences, Global Community of Anatomical Science Educators (founding member), Hacettepe University Faculty of Medicine Alumni Association (Former Member of Executive Committee as the Association Secretary). He is interested in plastination, anatomical basis of surgical and non-surgical facial esthetic procedures, anatomical variations, cross-sectional & clinical anatomy. He speaks English and French fluently. He is interested in Turkish music and literature, playing some traditional Turkish musical instruments. He is married and has a son.



Zeliha Kurtoğlu Olgunus

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Mersin University, Mersin, Turkey*

Professor Dr. Zeliha Kurtoğlu Olgunus was born in 1973, in Trabzon. After graduating from Blacksea Technical University Faculty of Medicine in 1995 as a medical doctor, she studied at the Anatomy Department of the same university and received her anatomy specialist degree in 2000. She has been working as a faculty member at Mersin University Faculty of Medicine, Department of Anatomy since this date, as one of the founders of the department. She was a member of the congress organizing committee at the National Anatomy Congresses held in Turkey in 2008 and 2020. She worked as a board member of Turkish Society of Anatomy and Clinical Anatomy (TAKAD) between 2018–2021. Currently, she is the assistant editor of the “Anatomy” journal. Her work focuses on dissection for surgical anatomy, developmental anatomy and improving awareness of body donation in Turkey.



Ayhan Cömert

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After his graduation from Ankara University, School of Medicine, he completed his specialization in Ankara University, School of Medicine, Department of Anatomy in 2007. In 2014, Dr. Cömert completed his Research Fellowship in Neurosurgical Anatomy at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC), under the Direction of Dr. Juan

C. Fernandez-Miranda (University of Pittsburgh Medical Center - UPMC) Skull Base Center, Surgical Neuroanatomy Lab, Skull Base Anatomy, Pittsburgh, USA. As a researcher on surgical neuroanatomy, in 2016, he was a visiting researcher in Salzburger Landeskliniken – Universitätsklinikum Salzburg at the Universitätsklinik für Hals-Nasen-Ohren-Krankheiten, Salzburg, Austria. He currently works as a “Professor of Anatomy” since 2018 and since 2013 as School of Medicine Erasmus Coordinator. His h-index is 21 and he is author or coauthor of more than 120 international original peer-reviewed papers and eight international book chapters. He is a member of the European Association of Clinical Anatomy (EACA) and served as Auditing Board Member and Board Member of Turkish Society of Anatomy and Clinical Anatomy (TSACA). He currently serves as Associate Editor of spine and medulla section of “Surgical and Radiological Anatomy” and “Frontiers in Neuroanatomy” and is in editorial board and reviewer of more than twenty national and international journals. Dr. Cömert was an invited speaker in many international congresses, courses and symposia. His scientific fields of interest are surgical neuroanatomy, spinal anatomy, bone-implant biomechanics, clinical anatomy, stem cells and regenerative medicine.



Ceren Günenç Beşer

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Dr. Ceren Günenç Beşer was born in May 1980, in Ankara, Türkiye. She graduated from Ankara University, Faculty of Medicine in 2004 as a medical doctor. After finishing the university, she started to study in Hacettepe University, Faculty of Medicine, Department of Anatomy in 2006 as a research assistant and completed her Ph.D in 2010. Her finishing thesis was a radiologic and clinical anatomical study named “The prevalence and distribution of the atherosclerotic plaques in the abdominal aorta and its branches”. In October 2017, she became an associate professor and she is still working at Hacettepe University. Her interest areas are macroscopic and microscopic anatomy; neuroscience; plastination; clinical, orthopedic and radiologic anatomy; western blot; immunohistochemistry techniques and medical simulation. She has many publications in the journals indexed in SCI and SCI-Expanded and in other indexes. She has more than 40 abstracts that were published in the abstract books of international and national con-

gresses. She presented more than 30 studies in international and national congresses, and she was invited to many international and national congresses as an invited speaker. She wrote chapters about neuroanatomy in anatomy textbooks and she participated in the translation of 20 anatomy textbooks from English to Turkish. She is working as an associate editor in an anatomy journal named “International Journal of Anatomical Variations” and working as a reviewer in 5 more journals. She has been working on plastination with silicone and polyester plastination techniques since 2013. She is a member of Turkish Association of Anatomists and Clinical Anatomists since 2006 and she is the accountant member of this association since 2020. She is also a member of the medical simulation department in Hacettepe University and gives medical simulation lectures. She is a lecture board chairman for Tissue and Skeletal System Committee for Medical Faculty, Phase 2. She is also the associate coordinator of the Postgraduate Education, Basic Medical Sciences. She worked as a postdoc in Kuwait University, Faculty of Medicine, Department of Anatomy in 2018 for four months on western blot, immunohistochemistry, immunofluorescence techniques and experiments on animals. She is working on anatomy of acupuncture and working at the Traditional and Complementary Medicine Application and Research Center since 2018 and she is at the advisory board of this center since 2021.



İlke Ali Gürses

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İlke Ali Gürses is an Associate Professor of Human Anatomy at Koç University School of Medicine (KUSOM). He received his medical degree from İstanbul University, İstanbul Faculty of Medicine in 2005, finished his residency in Anatomy in 2010, was appointed as an Associate Professor in 2017, and served as the Head of Assessment and Evaluation Office at the same institution. His research areas were clinical anatomy and radiological anatomy, focusing on musculoskeletal, circulatory, and peripheral nervous systems. Between 2012 and 2021, he also served as the coordinator for the Body Donation Program at the İstanbul Faculty of Medicine and shifted his research into body donation practice and ethics in anatomy. Currently, he is serving as the Secretary General of the Turkish Society of Anatomy and Clinical Anatomy and as a Second Year Coordinator at KUSOM.