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Welcome Address of the Congress Presidents

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Dear Neuroscientists,

It is our great pleasure to welcome you all to the 17th Turkish Neuroscience Congress that is being organised by the Neuroscience Society of Turkey (www.tubas.org.tr) and hosted by Karadeniz Technical University in Trabzon between 04–07 April 2019.

The congress will begin with three different workshops on various aspects of neuroscience on the first day. There are eight plenary conference speakers in the scientific program; Professor Alex Verkhratsky (Univerity of Manchester), Steven Kushner (Erasmus University), Suzanne Dickson (University of Gothenburgh), Ertuğrul Kılıç (Istanbul Medipol University), Turgay Dalkara (Hacettepe University), Hakan Gürvit (Istanbul University) and Pervin Dinçer (Hacettepe University). There will be nine symposia and three panels on all aspects of neuroscience. A total of 51 oral presentations will also be included in the scientific program. On each day of the congress, posters will be displayed in the exhibition hall at lunch time.

We would like to gratefully acknowledge that this congress is supported by 12 different sponsors, federations and institutions. Congress delegates will have the opportunity to visit and meet representatives of the sponsors in the exhibition area during the entire meeting. There will also be an exciting social program; a welcome reception at the congress center on the evening of April 4th and the Gala Dinner on the evening of April 6th with a beautiful view of the Black Sea. Congress delegates will have an opportunity to visit cultural and natural heritage of Trabzon during the meeting. An excursion to the city center and nearby cultural heritage on the late afternoon of April 6th.

Turkish neuroscience meetings have a history of over 20 years and the first National Neuroscience Congress was held in 2001. Participants to the meetings have increased over the years and diversified from all pre-clinical and clinical disciplines. There will be about 300 neuroscientists from various departments at the congress.

We are looking forward to seeing you all in Trabzon and very much hope that you will contribute to and benefit from an excellent scientific program and also enjoy the social events.

Best regards,

Congress Co-Presidents

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