

## Welcome Address of the Congress President

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, it is my great pleasure to invite you to Eskişehir and to the 17th National Anatomy Congress.

Eskişehir, founded on the banks of the Porsuk Creek (a tributary of Sakarya River), located 324 km southeast of Istanbul and 233 km west of Ankara, is an important industrial and transport center in the Central Anatolia Region of Turkey, famous with its various souvenirs mainly made from meerschaum (the mineral sepiolite). The city was founded by the Phrygians in at least 1000 BC and the most impressive remaining monument belong to this era is “The City of Midas” (Yazılıkaya=Inscribed Rock) and nearly 100 km far from Eskişehir. The city is also known to be hometown of “Yunus Emre”, who was a prominent poet and mystic lived between 1238–1320, made a powerful inspiration on Turkish literature and was named one of the main cultural figures of World by UNESCO in 1991.

The Congress has been designed to provide an innovative and comprehensive overview of the latest research develop-

ments in academic, clinical and all research areas of anatomy such as microscopic anatomy, developmental anatomy, various gross anatomical studies, anthropological studies, radiological anatomy, pathological anatomy, surgical anatomy, and anatomy teaching and learning methods.

I believe that many distinguished scientists will take part and share their experiences through either oral or poster presentations in this Congress.

I hope that you will enjoy the Congress and your interaction with other colleagues from different cities of Turkey and abroad will stimulate a creative exchange of ideas. I also hope and trust that your visit to our very beautiful and exciting city during September 5–9, which is the ideal time of the year to visit Eskişehir (daytime temperatures average 26 °C), will be personally rewarding.

We look forward to meeting you in Eskişehir!

All my best,

**Congress President**

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