

Welcome Address of the Congress Presidents

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Dear Neuroscientists,

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to the 13th National Neuroscience Congress that is being organised by the Neuroscience Society of Turkey (www.tubas.org.tr) and hosted at Selçuk University in Konya between 30th April and 3rd May, 2015.

The congress will begin with six different workshops on various aspects of neuroscience on the first day. The keynote lecture will be delivered by Professor Gazi Yaşargil (the World Neurosurgeon of the 20th Century) later on the same day. Professors Stephen Lisberger (Chief Editor of the Neuroscience), Menno Witter (Chair of FENS Schools Committee), Peter Rieckmann (Chair of the Canadian Multiple Sclerosis Society), Matilde Leonardi (Founder and Representative of the European Brain Council) Monica di Luca (FENS President) and Alex Verkhratsky (Author of Glial Physiology and Pathophysiology) will give plenary lectures and meet with the congress participants.

There will be six symposia, six conferences and four panels on all aspects of neuroscience and run in parallel at the 30th August and Malazgirt lecture halls. A forum for young neuroscientists will also be run at midday on 2nd May. Several oral presentations will be also be included in the scientific program. On each day of the congress, posters will be displayed at the exhibition hall at lunch time.

We would like to gratefully acknowledge that this congress is supported by 24 different sponsors, federations, societies 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 30th April, the Gala Dinner on the evening of 1st May (Torku Panagro Complex in Meram) and exhibition of the Whirling Dervishes on the evening of 2nd May at Mevlana Cultural Center. The Mevlana Museum will freely be open to all our delegates every day between 10.00-17.00h.

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 370 neuroscientists from various departments and 280 undergraduate (mostly medical) students at the congress.

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

Sincerely,

Congress Co-Presidents

Prof. Dr. Bayram Yılmaz (*Neuroscience Society of Turkey*)

Prof. Dr. H. Serdar Gergerlioğlu (*Selçuk University*)