

# Welcome Address of the Honorary Congress President

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Dear Colleagues, Friends and Dear Guests,

It is my honor to welcome you to the 4th International Symposium of Clinical and Applied Anatomy and 14th National Turkish Anatomy Congress which will be held in Ankara, in Ankara University.

This year we are offering you a very rich and colorful scientific program. When we plan this congress and scheduled the plenary program, we didn't expect to receive that much number of participants and presentations. By this occasion, I would like to thank all participants for their interest. I hope this will be a good scientific event for all of us.

Within the congress, in addition to oral presentations and invited lectures we have scheduled satellite symposiums. We hope that these satellite symposiums in the Congress will be an excellent opportunity for providing anatomist-clinician interactions. These sessions will highlight the importance of anatomy for providing scientific orientation to clinical based problems. I am very proud that Ankara University Department of Anatomy has a very strong relationship with clinicians. This relationship allowed us to evaluate the place of Anatomy in a different context. I hope these symposiums will be good examples to show how we attract clinicians to Anatomy for scientific researchers.

These meetings will also allow us to discuss the place of anatomy in medical education. The participants will explain their education system and this allow us to make assessments.

I hope you will also find time to visit historical places of Ankara and enjoy our social program which will offer you different options according to your choice.

Dear Friends,

With these meetings I am coming to the end of my academic career. I am very happy and proud to share this occasion with



all of you. I would like to thank all my colleagues for providing me this occasion and for organizing these meetings with heart and soul. I am proud that I am leaving my Department to good hands.

Cheers!

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Honorary Congress President

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