

Welcome Address of the Congress President

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Dear Valued Colleagues,

The 20th National Anatomy Congress will be held on Istanbul Medipol University's South campus from 27 to 31 August 2019. With this congress organized in association with the Turkish Society of Anatomy and Clinical Anatomy (TSACA), we would be pleased to see and entertain you at Istanbul Medipol University, one of the rising values of Turkey. We are working heart and soul to ensure that our congress will not only sustain the scientific level that has been achieved in previous years, but also be satisfactory in social aspects.

This congress is intended to provide 9 courses in analysis of MR images by MRiCloud system; anatomical illustration; facial nerve dissection; tissue clearing; hip and knee prosthetic applications; foot and ankle dissection; medical terminology; and pelvis dissection. Courses will be held on August 27, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. before the opening program and our 3.5-day intensive congress program will start on Wednesday, August 28. Distinct from earlier congresses, our congress is intended to be carried out as a "clinically oriented anatomy congress" so that it allows further interaction with clinical branches and clinicians where our efforts are planned accordingly. To that end, a panel titled "Why Do We Need Anatomy and Basic Medical Sciences?" will be held on August 28 with the contribution of academic clinicians who support our congress. Subsequently, one-hour "Neurosurgery panel" will be held on August 29, followed by one-hour "Orthopedics panel" on August 30 and one-hour "Dentistry and Radiology joint panel" on August 31. During 35-minute "clinically oriented anatomy" sessions which will be held after lunch and right before oral presentations on 28th, 29th and 30th of August, a series of presentations will be made by academicians from physiology, anatomy, neurology, plastic surgery, neurosurgery, orthopedics, general surgery, radiology and otorhinolaryngology.

As our key speakers, Prof. Richard T. Ambron will speak about the cellular, molecular and anatomical bases of chronic pain, while Prof. Abdulkadir Ömer will talk about the pancreas and Prof. Juan R. Garcia will discuss anaplasty and 3D medical printing, which we believe to be highly useful and purposeful.

As in previous years, the awards for the best oral and poster presentations will also be handed out this year.

As indicated in our introductory video of the congress that we shared with you earlier, the student dormitory at Istanbul Medipol University allows our young colleagues and graduate students who have the position of a medical specialist, lecturer or research assistant to accommodate and attend the congress free of charge. Additionally, we would like to express our contentment regarding our capability to offer our young colleagues who have devoted themselves to anatomy such an opportunity to enhance their participation in the congress through encouragement.

To accommodate our young colleagues who do not prefer to stay at the dormitory and our valued academicians who are a member of our professional community, we have concluded an agreement with two hotels located very close to our university in Kavacik. Any of our guests who choose to stay at hotel will enjoy discounted accommodation at these hotels given on the webpage. More detailed information can be found in the 'accommodation' menu of our webpage.

On the other hand, it is planned to provide transportation services for the guests who will use airports, coach stations and high-speed train stations throughout the congress. More detailed information can be found in the 'transportation' menu of our webpage.

Considering the traffic in Istanbul, scientific activities are scheduled to start at 9.30 a.m. The scientific program is projected to be completed at 4.40 p.m. on August 28 and 29, 4.50 p.m. on August 30 and 1.00 p.m. on August 31.

As included in the social program, an opening cocktail reception will be held at Beykoz Sabancı Teacher's Lodge on August 27, followed by a Bosphorus tour on August 28 and a gala dinner on August 29 at Hidiv Kasrı in Beykoz. Following the completion of the scientific program on August 30, our guests will be given free time so that they can enjoy Istanbul freely.

The management of Istanbul Medipol University supports such scientific and social activities wholeheartedly and receives us with open arms. We wish to see all of you in the congress to act in response to this hospitality.

Kind regards,

President of the Congress

Prof. B. Ufuk Şakul