



WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Turkish Biochemical Society (TBS), it is a great pleasure to welcome you to Bodrum and to the International Congress of Biochemistry 2018 // 29th National Biochemistry Congress.

We planned this meeting as the national congress of biochemistry at the beginning. However, because of the expectations of our colleagues, and with the contribution of our foreign colleagues and international organisations we could change our national congress to a more international meeting. Formerly, TBS held a lot of joint international congresses with the collaboration of international organisations, but this is the second international congress which we can perform it with our national power independently. **(In the mean time, I would like to announce that the Congress of Balkan Clinical Laboratory Federation will be held by our society in Antalya, at almost the same time, 27-30 October 2019.)**

The scientific program of the congress is powerful. There are many keynote speakers such as **Edgard Delvin, Sten Westgard, Matthias Orth, Edward Randell, Andrey Abromov, Mehmet Kesimer and Hassan Bayat**. Of course, there are a lot of Turkish colleagues who speak on interesting and hot topics of biochemistry and clinical biochemistry. Due to the high demand, we could open wide space for oral presentations in the scientific program. As usual, there are numerous poster presentations. Diagnostic companies also support the scientific program by their satellite symposia. Traditionally, the courses/workshops performed before or will be held during the Congress are remarkable.

The young scientists have revealed a great interest to the Congress. There are too many young scientists actively attending the Congress with a presentation. As usual, we tried to respond to this interest by giving **both registration and accomodation bursaries** to these young persons. We are proud to be able to give this support. I hope, active participation in this congress will prove great benefit to their continuing professional development.

I would like to highlight once again that all abstracts presented at the Congress will be published in the **Turkish Journal of Biochemistry**, a journal indexed by SCI-E. This is valuable for especially young colleagues, I think.

I would like to thank to all speakers, attendees, our sponsors, and the PCO, Kenes.

I hope all attendees will enjoy the meeting. I wish a useful and fruitful Congress to all the delegates.

With my best regards,

Dr. Dogan Yucel
Chair of TBS and Congress

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