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Dr. Samir Amr,
President of the IAP

Ref: IAP Visiting/Goodwill Ambassador to Turkey, May 9 to May 15, 2013

Dear Dr. Amr:

I am glad to inform you that my visit to Turkey has been accomplished and it was truly successful. I have to express my sincere thanks to you and to Dr. Kristin Henry, for giving me the chance to participate to this program and visit Istanbul, Trabzon and Rize, Turkey.

Attached please find the report of my visit.

Yours sincerely,

George Kontogeorgos MD, PhD
*Vice President for Europe of the IAP
Member of the Education Committee*

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During this visit, I gave 3 lectures, 3 short courses and one case presentation side seminar in 3 Universities in Istanbul, Trabzon and Rize. In addition I met many Turkish Pathologists from the above regions and several cytopathologists, radiologists, biochemists, endocrinologists, oncologists, neurosurgeons, chemists, molecular biologists and other scientists as well.

The daily schedule was as follows:

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Arrival to Istanbul and meeting with local Turkish Pathologists.

Friday, May 10, 2013

Two lectures in Acibadem University Kozyatağı Hospital, Istanbul (hosted by Prof. Aydin Sav):

- a. New Horizons in Diagnosis and Treatment of Endocrine Tumors*
- b. Diagnostic Approach to Benign and Malignant Lesions of the Pituitary*

Afternoon, fly to Trabzon.

Saturday May 11, 2013

Meeting with most Presidents and Secretaries of the Turkish Pathology Societies, members of the Turkish Federation of Pathology (Turkish Division of the IAP) and many other local Pathologists.

Sunday, May 12, 2013

Three Short Courses in Karadeniz Technical University, Trabzon (hosted by Black Sea Society of Pathology, Prof. Yavuz Özorun, Prof. İlhan Tuncer, President and Prof. Sitki Tuzlali, Secretary of the Turkish Division of the IAP):

- a. Benign and malignant lesions of the thyroid gland*
- b. Benign and malignant lesions of the adrenal gland*
- c. Gastroenteropancreatic neuroendocrine tumors*

Monday, May 13, 2013

Visit to Medical Faculty of Karadeniz Technical University, Trabzon (hosted by Prof. Yavuz Özorán):

- a. Slide seminar on selected cases of neuroendocrine pathology*
- e. Case studies and consultations with Pathologists of the Medical Faculty of Karadeniz Technical University, Trabzon.*

Afternoon, arrival by car to Rize.

Meeting with the Dean of the Recep Tayyip Erdoğan University, Rize, and the Director of Medical Faculty, and with local Pathologists as well.

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Visit to Medical Faculty of Department of Pathology, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan University (hosted by Dr. Recep Bedir):

- a. Case studies and consultations with Pathologists of the Department of Pathology, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan University, Rize.*
- b. Lecture on malignant tumors of the thyroid gland with particular emphasis to diagnostic criteria (translation to Turkish by Dr. Yavuz Özorán)*

Afternoon, return by car to Trabzon and then fly to Istanbul

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Fly to Athens

The social program included visit to Soumela Monastery, Trabzon, and sightseeing in Trabzon and Rize.

I have received reports and enthusiastic e-mails from the hosts and from individual Turkish Pathologists as well.

Commentary by Prof. Aydin Sav, Director of the Department of Pathology, Neuroscience Institution, Acibadem University Kozyatađı Hospital, Istanbul.

This commentary depicts the visit of Dr. George Kontogeorgos from G. Gennimatas Athens General Hospital, Department of Pathology of Pathology and Pituitary Center, Athens, which was held on May 10, 2013 in Acibadem Kozyatađı Hospital, in Istanbul. Dr. Kontogeorgos is one of the authors of "Pathology and Genetics; Tumors of Endocrine Organs" (Blue Book) that was organized and published by WHO in 2004. Moreover, Dr. Kontogeorgos is the active Vice President of International Academy of Pathology. Upon his invitation by Dr. Aydin Sav, Acibadem University, Department of Pathology, he gave two conferences on "New Horizons in Diagnosis and Treatment of Endocrine Tumors" and "Diagnostic Approach to Benign and Malignant Lesions of the Pituitary". The meeting was held in conference hall of Acibadem Kozyatađı Hospital, a neuroscience institution specialized primarily in diagnostics and treatment of neuro-oncology patients. The two lectures both of which were consisted of the author's personal experience and expertise were very comprehensive, fluent, and thoroughly enriched with EM, histologic and immunohistochemical figures and pictures. The audience forwarded penetrating questions on these topics that were responded by meticulous and delicate answers those of which were furnished by many years of gathered experience of the lecturer. The audience was consisted of 40 specialists and residents from pathology, neurosurgery, radiology, biochemistry, endocrinology, molecular biology and biochemistry departments of various institutions of different cities, but mainly of Istanbul. In conclusion, Dr. Kontogeorgos shared his expertise of these two hot topics of endocrine pathology not staying within conventional morphologic pathology but also use of EM, microarrays, FISH and other now generation of molecular techniques. I personally believe, these two lectures will be remembered by the audience, not only as an opportunity to alleviate their vision on new horizons of endocrine pathology, but also having a chance to know a modest, experienced and prolific international scientist.

Commentary by Prof. İlhan Tuncer, President of the Turkish Division of the IAP

Dear Dr. Kontogeorgos:

On behalf of the IAP Turkish Division, I would like to say many thanks to you for your visit to Turkey as a Goodwill Ambassador of the IAP and sharing your outstanding experience with us, not only in scientific field but also in establishing collaborative ties between IAP and IAP Turkish Division.

During your visit to Turkey, your neuropathology lectures in Acibadem University in İstanbul at 10 May 2013, your endocrine pathology lectures in Karadeniz Teknik University, in Trabzon at 12 May 2013, case studies and consultations at 13 May 2013, your neuroendocrine pathology lecture, case studies and consultations in Recep Tayyip Erdoğan University in Rize at 14 May 2013 were appreciated by Turkish pathologists. Your great contribution during the establishment of IAP Turkish Davison will always be remembered.

In your visit to Turkey we had warm memories and enjoyed your friendship.

We will be very pleased to see you in Turkey soon and organize new collaborative studies with you.

Best regards

Dr. İlhan Tuncer

**Commentaries by Prof. Yavuz Özoran, Director and Dr. Ümit Çobanoğlu,
Department of Pathology, Karadeniz Technical University Trabzon:**

Dear Prof. Dr. George Kontogeorgos:

First of all I should say you were so kind and generous to share your experience - knowledge with pathologists of Trabzon and Rize. Your conferences that were given to Karadeniz Technical University, Trabzon and Recep Tayyip Erdoğan University, Rize and consultation time in both Universities were so useful and they were appreciated.

We hope that we will see you again in Trabzon for the 24th National Pathology Congress in November 2014.

Sincerely Yours,

Yavuz Özoran

Dear George Kontogeorgos:

It was a great pleasure for me to host you in Trabzon. On the behalf of the Black Sea Pathology Society, we are also grateful for your visit and presentations.

Yours sincerely,

Ümit Çobanoğlu

Associate Professor

Commentary by Dr. Recep Bedir, Director, Department of Pathology, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan University

Dear Prof. Kontogeorgos:

We meet with you in joy. The information you provided was very important to us. We would like to thank you hoping to encounter other meetings.

Sincerely,

Dr. Recep Bedir

Assistant Professor

List of expenses (in Euros):

Car transportation from to Athens and back to Volos	142.00 Euros
Taxi from home to Athens Airport	25.00 Euros
Turkish Airlines economy tickets to Turkey	304.08 Euros
Various local expenses	120.00 Euros
Taxi from Athens Airport to home	35.00 Euros
TOTAL	626.08 Euros

Accommodation, meals and car transportation in Turkey were covered by the hosts.