

20th Wonca Europe Conference 2015 *istanbul*

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Dear Colleagues,

It has been a privilege for us to be host of 20th WONCA Europe Conference in Istanbul. As you can imagine, it was amazing but also very difficult to prepare a WONCA Europe conference. We want to thank to all local organizing committee, sub-committees members and scientific committee members, to TAHUD congress president Dr. Selçuk Mıstık, for their extraordinary working. Many thanks to our liason person Dr. Anna Staval for being with us and being one of us all of the time, and to Job Metsemakers for his special support.

We would like to thank to all key note speakers, grand session speakers and all presenters of scientific events, who contributed to scientific content of the conference. We also thank to nameless heros for their unbelievable efforts to maket his conference real.

As WONCA Europe 2015 Istanbul Organizing Committee, we all want to thank you for attendance to this conference and being part of it. We hope you had a great journey and you don't forget the time that you spent with us in İstanbul.

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Chair, Host Organizing Committee

Mehmet Urgan
Chair, Scientific Committee

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President, TAHUD

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Vicechair, Host Organizing Committee

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BRIEF REPORT OF WONCA 2015 ISTANBUL CONFERENCE

- We attended to 25 international conferences and 5 national conferences to promote this conference.
- In order to increase the participation of young doctors, on the occasion of 20th anniversary of WONCA Europe, we had grants of free registration for 113 young doctors, both free registration and accommodation for 20 young doctors, %50 accommodation for 21 young doctors.
- Before WONCA Europe Conference, Preconference 2015 Istanbul was held one and half day with attending of 190 young family doctors coming from 38 different countries.
- One of the highlighted points of this preconference was meeting of all of 7 Young Doctor Movement's leaders at a keynote panel moderated by Prof. Mehmet Urgan, new EGPRN president and chair of WONCA Europe 2015 Scientific committee.

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- As every WONCA Europe Conferences, there were also some unique programs and sessions for WONCA Europe 2015 Istanbul. One of them is called as HostPro-Ist2015 program (Hosting Program Istanbul 2015). This program was great opportunity for senior doctors to investigate Turkish primary healthcare system and family medicine discipline closely in Turkey. There were 11 participants from 11 different countries; France, Malaysia, Spain, Estonia, Netherlands, Argentina, Czech Republic, Australia, Nigeria, Peru and Germany.
- Other challenging session was BRITE (BRing your Ideas, Thoughts and Experiences) sessions. Within this program, 117 participants joined to 18 different BRITE sessions and shared their ideas and experiences with each other.
- In addition, there were also Grand Sessions as WONCA Europe anniversary project, war, immigrants and ethnicity, Improvement of quality and inequality in publishing scientific papers and so far.
- The conference was granted 19 European CME credits (ECMEC) by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME) and has been accredited by the College of Family Physicians of Canada for up to 25.5 Mainpro-M1 credits.
- We made it as a "Green" congress that participants can download their certificate of attendance via a weblink and certificates were provided by e-mail as well.
- We were also so grateful to see WONCA subgroups, WONCA world, CMFG 10th Congress of General Practitioner Congress, Royal College of General Practitioners, Portuguese Association of General Practitioners and some industry companies at exhibition area.
- Total 3683 participants attended. 2061 of them were delegates, 1095 young doctors, 202 WONCA direct members, 122 students, 57 health workers, 55 accompanying people, 32 daily registrations.
- There were 1952 abstract submissions; 289 oral presentations, 1403 poster presentations, 13 courses, 121 workshops, 8 panels, 30 symposiums and 10 conferences.
- Before and during the conference, conference was also promoted on Social Media such as Facebook and Twitter. During the conference, 4324 tweets were created with hashtag #wonca2015 by 437 individual and they all helped to promote WONCA Europe 2015 İstanbul Conference more and more.
- 20th Wonca Europe Conference 2015 is a "Green" Congress.
- Participants can download their certificate of attendance at <http://cert.wonca2015.org> with their registration ID number. Certificates are provided to the participants by email as well.
- Among the participants from 79 countries 42 of them were from countries other than Europe.