

Welcome

Guests and Colleagues,

The Turkish Association of Pediatric Surgeons has held several national meetings in the preceding years with success. We proudly hosted some friends from different countries whom I believe, enjoyed staying with us during our national meetings. We are also proud to host to the 6th International Congress of Pediatric Surgery in Istanbul between August 29-September 1, 1989. I feel that these occasions deserves special attention for several reasons. Most important is the subject matter, pediatric surgery. I am of the opinion that the different approaches of Pediatric Surgeons from varying countries gives us the opportunity to find

the most efficient one.

I am sure that during your short visit here your contact with colleagues of different nationalities will give you chance to acquaint with different views in our discipline. It is obvious that this type of gathering to exchange professional views periodically will also result in to know other societies and countries and promote friendship among different nations. As a President of Turkish Association of Pediatric Surgeons I wish you all the success in the future to come.

Prof Akgün HİÇSÖNMEZ
President of Turkish Association
of Pediatric Surgeons

Dear Colleague

It is an immense honor to be your host for the 6th International Congress of Pediatric Surgery organized by the Turkish Association of Pediatric Surgeons, in one of the oldest capitals of ancient history, Istanbul, a city reflecting 2600 years of human civilization, culture and development.

A through search of medical literature shows us that the interest of Turks in pediatric surgery commenced with Surgeon Şerafeddin Sabuncuoğlu in a 15th Century Central Anatolian city called Amasya. Nevertheless, this early interest came to a halt during the oncoming centuries up till 1950's the time when Orthopedic Surgeons attempted to heal some congenital malformations. In 1960's two major cities, Izmir and Ankara provided rebirth to true pediatric surgery and this rebirth spread out all over the country in the form of a vivid explosion. For the last 15 years or so, special interest and care has been given to canalizing energy to the field's research problems. The ultimate trends in pediatric surgery has been viewed and discussed intensely in our congresses which have been gathering regularly during the last decade and which often have been honored by international delegates.

This journal through which I have accessed the

opportunity to address you is also in its novice period. While publishing only the works of Turkish researchers in its primary year, it has come to also giving room to research of internationally renowned pediatric surgeons for the last two years; thus providing the opportunity of communicating their vast experience to other colleagues. This issue has the characteristics of becoming the Congress Special Issue.

In this Congress, come together a number of over three hundred pediatric surgeons from thirty-seven different countries all over the world. I am positively confident that the ultimate improvements in pediatric surgery will be discussed in detail and an exchange of knowledge will take place on an extensive margin. Young colleagues will definitely profit from the vast experiences of their masters. I hope you will relax by making use of the attractive social programs embedded in the most speculator Istanbul atmosphere at the evening of a tiring congress day and I also frankly wish that you leave Istanbul with the most beautiful remembrances

Prof Daver YEKER
General Secretary of Turkish
Association of Pediatric Surgeons