

Welcome Address of the Congress Presidents

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Dear Neuroscientists,

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to the 15th National Neuroscience Congress that is being organised by the Neuroscience Society of Turkey (www.tubas.org.tr) and hosted at Sakarya University in Sakarya between 7–10 May 2017.

The congress will begin with six different workshops on various aspects of neuroscience on the first day. The keynote lecture will be delivered by Professor Gazi Yaşargil (the World Brain Surgeon of the 20th Century) and Professor Fahrettin Keleştimur (President, Turkish Institutes of Health, TÜSEB) later on the same day. Professors Paul Bolam (Oxford University), Banu Onaral (Drexel University), Gareth Leng (University of Edinburgh), Deniz Kırık (Lund University), Hagai Bergman (Hebrew University), Daniela Schulz (Yeditepe University), Dirk Hermann (University Hospital Essen), Feyza Arıçioğlu (Marmara University), İlhan Raman (Middlesex University) and Tarık Tihan (University of California at San Francisco) will give lectures and meet with the congress participants.

There will be eight symposia, 11 conferences and two panels on all aspects of neuroscience. A workshop on publishing of scientific papers will be introduced by Professor Paul Bolam for young neuroscientists. A total of 60 oral presentations will be also included in the scientific program. On each day of the congress, posters will be displayed at the exhibition hall at lunch time.

We would like to gratefully acknowledge that this congress is supported by 12 different sponsors, federations and institutions. Congress delegates will have the opportunity to visit and meet representatives of the sponsors in the exhibition area during the entire meeting.

There will also be an exciting social program; a welcome reception at the congress center on the evening of 7th May and the Gala Dinner on the evening of 9th May (Altın Güneş Garden Park) on the side of Sapanca lake. Congress delegates will have an opportunity to visit cultural and natural heritage of Sakarya during the meeting.

Turkish neuroscience meetings have a history of over 20 years and the first National Neuroscience Congress was held in 2001. Participants to the meetings have increased over the years and diversified from all pre-clinical and clinical disciplines. There will be about 400 neuroscientists from various departments at the congress.

We are looking forward to seeing you all in Sakarya and very much hope that you will contribute to and benefit from an excellent scientific program and also enjoy the social events.

Sincerely,

Congress Co-Presidents

Prof. Dr. Bayram Yılmaz (*Neuroscience Society of Turkey*)

Prof. Dr. Nurettin Cengiz (*Sakarya University*)