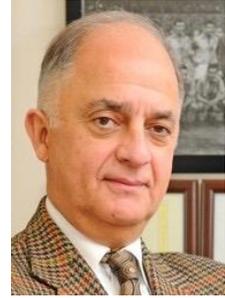


Message from The President

Dear APOA Members,

It is my proud privilege to extend my greetings to you from Turkey. The Asia Pacific Orthopaedic Association that began life in 1962 as the Western Pacific Orthopaedic Association has entered a new and vital phase of its development: We are now the world's biggest orthopaedic federation. I am honoured to be its President and will do my utmost to protect its core values and advance its aims



Our history has inevitably profound effects on our present, and our future. Today the APOA represents a multi-cultural, multi-linguistic, and mosaic international structure. Our differences are the main source of our strength! In this context, I believe that friendship, sincerity, trust, respect, loyalty, and fidelity are the main glues that will hold us together for years, as in the past. Together with the members of the Executive Committee and the APOA Council, I hope to FURTHER enhance the great strides that have been made in the recent past.

In my term, I shall strive to protect our core values and also advance by

- Improving the APOA fellowship programs
- Structurally advancing of all the committees, with special emphasis on education & membership
- Augment the interactions among all sections
- Providing increased participation of young surgeons in the sessions of our congress

APOA Congress 2018 in Antalya has been a resounding success. Being concordant with the aims of the Congress, we met in the extraordinary atmosphere of Antalya Mediterranean seacoast, and enhanced our knowledge due to high scientific levels of the Congress. Importantly, the Presidents of EFORT, SICOT, FFN, ESTROT, PAOA, and PASS honored the Congress with their presence. Additionally, 13 Presidents of National Orthopaedic Associations, and more than 10 Vice Presidents of various national societies of Orthopaedics and Traumatology represented their countries at the Congress. In this respect, I sincerely thank the Immediate Past President Dr. David Choon, the Congress Chairman Dr. Onder Aydingoz, the Congress Secretary Dr. Merter Ozenci, the General Secretary Dr. Jamal Ashraf, the President of Turkish Society of Orthopaedics and Traumatology Dr. Irfan Ozturk, and the Congress Organizing Committee Members Dr. Sait Ada, and the Serenas International Tourism Congress Organization.

Through the dedicated commitment of our colleagues of the APOA, our mission remains “to serve the profession, champion the interests of our patients, and advance the highest quality of musculoskeletal care.” I would hope that each of you, will embrace this mission and become involved in your association. Support its programs; volunteer to serve on a committee; participate in initiatives that are important to you and to your patients. Only by becoming so engaged will you realize the full value of your membership.

As the APOA President, I should emphasize that I enthusiastically look forward to meeting and interacting with you in every occasion of APOA organized meetings or courses. Ultimately, your contributions, suggestions, and feedbacks are of utmost importance for further advancement of the APOA to further higher-levels.

Lastly, please mark your agenda for the 21st APOA Biannual Congress, which will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on September 23 – 26, 2020. Hope to see you there!

Regards,

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APOA President 2018-2020