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Young Ambassador Fellowship Report

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I was honored to represent Turkey (host country) as the Young Ambassador on the 20th Congress of APOA in Antalya Turkey from 8th – 14th April, 2018.

Asia Pacific Orthopedic association was established in 1962 as Western Pacific Orthopedic Association. APOA is a regional orthopedic organization with 22 nations and approximately 58000 members, which makes it the largest orthopedic association in the world.

Although Turkish Orthopedic Association (TOTBID) has been participating in APOA for more than 10 years, I am the first young ambassador from Turkey. I applied to the programme like many other young surgeons from Turkey and go selected by TOTBID executive committee.

This year Young Ambassador program, which was funded by APOA united 10 fellows from all over Asia Pacific region as well as 2 EFFORT fellows from Europe.



It was really interesting to see how socio-economic differences influence decision making in orthopedics and it was so easy to get along with all fellows.



On our arrival day (Sunday), we had some time to know each other and we had a 2 hours lecture in the hotel.



On the following two days we did hospital visits to Antalya Training and Research Hospital. Because they were running 5 operation theaters simultaneously, it was easy to accommodate all fellows. There were several kinds of operations in the areas of Traumatology, Arthroplasty, Hand, Sports Medicine, Spine and Deformity. The list of operations had a wide variety of advanced and routine cases.

We were hosted and guided by Associate Professor Dr. Özkan Köse. We were really thankful for his and his colleagues' hospitality.

After the days of hospital visit, we joined the program of 20th Congress of APOA in Sueno Hotel. The debates and the topics during the congress were live and inspiring for our daily routine orthopedic practice. A specific session for Young Ambassadors were took place and we all presented our works.

We had tour of Old Town of Antalya and a special dinner of young ambassadors with the presidents of APOA, its executive body and invited Presidents of orthopedic associations like EFFORT (Önder Aydingöz – Turkey) and PAN Arab Association. We were awarded certificates on the Gala Dinner by President APOA David Choon (Malaysia).

