



Endo-Thal

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Editorial



Dear Friends,

the project called Equality, submitted by 3 countries (Turkey, Spain and Italy) and approved by the European Union (EU) with the aim to train doctors and nurses in the prevention, diagnosis, and management of endocrine disorders of youth and young adults with thalassemias has been concluded the last 10th-11th of December in Antalya, thanks to the perfect organization and hospitality of Prof. Dr. Duran Canatan.

The Congress was organized under the auspices and cooperation of Ministry of Health of Turkey, Antalya Governorship, Antalya Training Research and Education Hospital and the Antalya Thalassemia Association. More than 80 specialists in pediatrics, internal medicine, hematology, endocrinology took part in this event from 60 different cities and University hospitals of Turkey. In addition 20 nurses from Antalya hospitals participated to the meeting.

The meeting began with opening remarks of Prof. Dr. Duran Canatan (Antalya, Turkey), Dr. Vincenzo de Sanctis, MD (Ferrara, Italy), and Mr. Baki Karacay (Antalya Governorship, CEUPA, Antalya, Turkey), and Munip Ustundag (Former General Director of Ministry of Health, Ankara, Turkey).

The meeting included five sessions, chaired by Munip Ustundag, Prof. Dr. Erdal Kurtoglu, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Suheyila Gorar, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Doga Turkkahraman, Dr. Necati Koc, and Dr. Zekiye Ozdemir. The highlights of the meeting will be submitted for publication to *Pediatric Endocrinology in Review*.

In order to offer to the participants training material, that can be easily used and applied in the professional life, guideline, leaflets, video and medical publications are available in the Equality webpage: www.equalityproject.eu.



Thanks to all of you for your continuous collaboration, support and help. May you get the desires success in your endeavors taken in the New Year 2019.

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