

# 7<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Cochlear Implants in Emerging Nations



14-16 September 2023



Istanbul Congress Center, ISTANBUL - TURKEY



Dear Colleagues,

As Hacettepe Implant team, we are pleased to announce that we are organizing the 7th World Congress of Cochlear Implantation in Emerging Countries in Istanbul, Turkey between 14-16 September 2023. This decision was finalized during the 6th World Congress of Cochlear Implantation which was held in India (as an online meeting) between 12-14 November 2021. On the last day, I was given the task of organizing the next meeting which we plan to perform in 2023.

This meeting series was started in 2016 by Professor Muaz Tarabichi who set up the organization Global Cochlear Implant Access Network. The aim of these meetings is to find solutions to challenges in the field of implantation in emerging nations. The meeting was used to be held every year until 2019 but because of Covid19 Pandemic, it was not possible to perform this face-to-face in India which was done as an online meeting in 2021.

Now with the gradual control of the Covid 19 pandemic, we plan to perform the meeting face-to-face between 14-16 September 2023 in Istanbul, Turkey.

The reason we prefer to make the meeting in Istanbul is that there are direct flights from many countries all over the world enabling many people to travel without connecting flights. In addition, being the capital of three empires in the past, Istanbul offers a rich history, as well as being a picturesque city. It is also the meeting point of east and west where the experience of the developed world will be shared with emerging nations.

We have set the congress date as September because this month in Turkey is quite warm and offers very good opportunities for outside activities while enjoying the beautiful city. Our aim is to make the meeting face-to-face. This is because we believe social interaction is very important between participants.

We plan to make the meeting in 3 halls. We are developing guidelines for cochlear implantation and these will be presented during the meeting. We will also have interesting case presentations, new developments and oral presentations along with satellite symposiums of companies.

Let us meet in 14-16 September 2023 in Istanbul: the meeting point of east and west.

Sincerely yours,

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