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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues,

As the spring is coming so does the meetings. Obstetrics and Gynecology meetings are mostly in spring or autumn. As TSOG we are going to have local meetings, in Adana, Şanlıurfa, İstanbul Anadolu, Ankara, İzmir, Mersin and many cities.

In March, we are going to have a Contraception meeting in Sapanca.

TSOG Ankara and Health Ministry and Health Unions came together, discussed the problems of Obstetrics and Gynecology Specialists and assistant and made a declaration and it was sent to Health Ministry to find solutions.

In a congress, I met the wife of Turkey's Prime Minister Sare Davutoğlu, MD. She is also an Obstetrician. I wanted a meeting with her and she kindly accepted. As the session was about high Cesarean rates. I have said that as TSOG we do not want high Cesarean rates as well. It is not the fault of Obstetricians only. In order to decrease the higher rates we think that: Performance points of the Obstetricians must be increased to vaginal deliveries (actually for all items), malpractice during vaginal delivery must be covered by Health Ministry and it is going to be a guarantee for us, midwifery must be supported. Health Ministry was very successful in Cigarette Stopping Campaign, in order to raise the awareness of the women, there must be media campaign in TV, Radio, etc for vaginal delivery.

She was interested and I requested her help to make a workshop in this subject with Health Ministry for Cesarean rates, she said she is going to help.

I hope Obstetrics and Gynecology will regain its popularity soon for the assistants.

Please do not forget that there is always brightness at the end of darkness.

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