



# TURKISH JOURNAL OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Turkish Gynecology and Obstetrics Family;

I am proud and happy to be back together in the June issue of the Turkish Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology. In this issue, we are accompanied by valuable and scientifically strong national and international publications that we have presented to the scientific community with meticulous and rigorous research. I would like to express my gratitude to each member of the editorial board and the referees who were involved in the evaluation process.

As you know, we held the 20<sup>th</sup> National Turkish Congress of Gynecology and Obstetrics in Cyprus last week. We held a highly successful congress where we not only gathered with our colleagues but also shared our up-to-date information. The largest congress in our country, which was attended by 1742 gynecologists, featured a total of 65 scientific sessions, 9 satellite symposium, and 14 oral presentation sessions. I must also mention that our congress, which received significant interest from the medical sector, included a total of 123 sponsoring companies and 95 company booths present at the event.

My esteemed colleagues, unfortunately, this year we held the 20<sup>th</sup> National Congress of Gynecology and Obstetrics with a sense of sorrow and woundedness. The pain of the earthquake that occurred on February 6, 2023, and affected 11 provinces still remains within us as if it were the first day. Certainly, as the Turkish Society of Gynecology and Obstetrics (TJOD) family, while carrying out our scientific activities, we are doing everything in our power to help heal the wounded. I would like to emphasize that we have provided both financial aid and a support of 14 containers to the disaster-stricken regions. I also need to mention that we held a press conference during our congress to raise awareness about our colleagues in the earthquake-affected region.

Turkish Society of Gynecology and Obstetrics (TJOD) family is not just a professional organization but also operates as a social and scientific association, which sets us apart from others. As the president of such an association, I am filled with justified pride, and I look forward to being with you all in the next issue.

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