



WELCOMING ADDRESS

Dear Colleagues,

Tuberculosis problem is still growing despite simple diagnostic methods and highly effective therapeutic agents. Directly Observed Treatment Strategy (DOTS) is the brand name of tuberculosis control. Worldwide experience shows us DOTS areas are very successful in terms of tuberculosis control indicators than non-DOTS areas. But implementation, expansion and sustainability of DOTS present some problems. Keeping tuberculosis control machinery at work nationwide is not an easy task in many situations.

Dear Colleagues,

We are all from different countries located very close, albeit situated on three different continents; Africa, Europe and Asia. We have tuberculosis problems of varying emergency levels. Some of the regional countries represented in this meeting have high DOTS coverage and some of them less. Turkish Thoracic Society would like to invite you to the Tuberculosis Control Symposium in İstanbul at November 13-15, to enrich with your contributions and to share all this experience.

The well-renowned international experts will participate in this symposium with their perspectives. The symposium will focus on tuberculosis control and recent advances.

Turkish Thoracic Society welcomes you in İstanbul; the fascinating historical city of Byzantine and Ottoman Empires, which lies between East and West as a cultural bridge with its monuments.

Turkish Thoracic Society invites you to exchange information on tuberculosis in the inspiring historical atmosphere of İstanbul.

Looking forward to see you in İstanbul,

Eyüp Sabri Uçan
Chair of
Symposium

Ali Kocabaş
President of the
Turkish Thoracic Society