

## 33<sup>RD</sup> INTERNATIONAL COURSE AND WORKSHOP WAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED IN CLUJ-NAPOCA, ROMANIA

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**33<sup>rd</sup> International advanced Turkurolap course** was held in Cluj-Napoca, Romania, between 8-10 October 2015, in association with International Robotic and Laparoscopy Surgery Association (ILRSA). The course has raised great interest between the participants and Romanian urologists. International group consisted of 3 trainees from Kosovo (Figure 1), 5 trainees from Bulgaria (Figure 2), 1 from Moldova, and 12 trainees from Romania (totally 21 trainees). In addition, there were 12 nurse trainees in the scrub nurse training group. Dr. Bogdan Petrut and his team had a warm welcome to the international group. They showed a great example of traditional Romanian hosting.

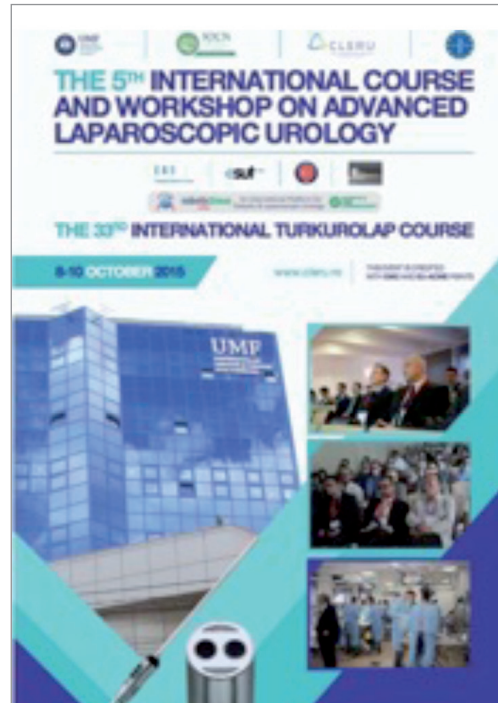
The honorary president of the Course was Prof Dr Yasar Ozgok from Ankara, and the course secretary was Assist Prof Dr Yigit AKIN from Urfa, Turkey. Assoc Prof Dr Altug Tuncel, Assoc Prof Dr Okan Istanbuluoglu, and Dr Mustafa Celik were laparoscopy tutors and Hilal Tuzer PhD and Birgitta Keil were nurse trainers in the course (Figure 3). In the first day of the course, training in the dry and wet laboratories were performed after opening speeches (Figure 4).

Training videos in Turkurolap web page were showed to trainees. In main time, nurse trainings were ran by the tutors with presentations and interactive lessons.

Prof Dr Ozgok declared about Turkurolap training concepts and activities during the opening ceremony. Dr Bogdan Petrut and his team performed 3D laparoscopic extraperitoneal radical prostatectomy, and laparoscopic transperitoneal partial nephrectomy. Prof Dr. Leitsiakos from Patras performed laparoscopic transperitoneal radical nephrectomy and laparoscopic transperitoneal pyeloplasty.

Our team consisted of Prof Dr. Yasar Ozgok. Assit Prof Dr. Yiğit Akin and has performed 3D retroperitoneal radical nephrectomy. Birgitta Keil from Heilbronn showed a great training performance during the practical training session in the operating room (Figure 5).

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Figure 1: Trainees from Kosovo



Figure 2: Trainees from Bulgaria



Figure 3: TURKUROLAP team

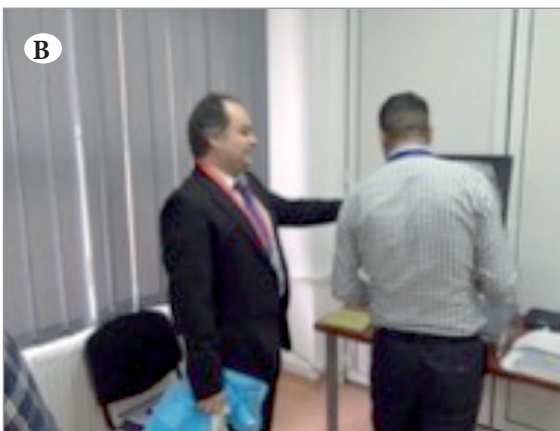
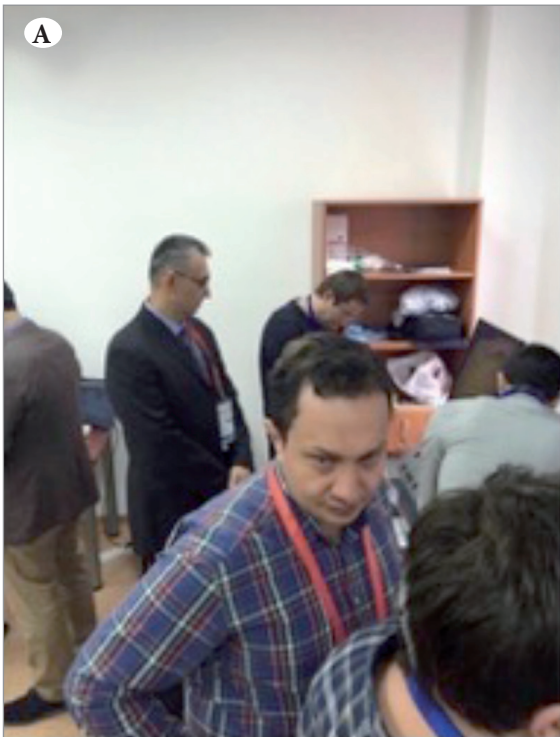


Figure 4: Our tutors performed training in dry as well as in wet laboratories. A. Assoc Prof Dr Altug Tunnel and Assoc Prof Dr Okan Istanbuluoglu gave lecture for training in dry laboratory. B. Assist. Prof Dr. Yigit AKIN with trainee from Romania. C. Lectures were held in wet laboratory. D. Trainees performed laparoscopic nephrectomy in the pigs, Assist Prof Dr. Yigit AKIN with trainees



**Figure 5:** Our team successfully performed 3D retroperitoneal laparoscopic radical nephrectomy. A. Our team during operation. B. Kidney with tumor was taken out. C. Our operation had a great interest. D. Surgeons after operation, left side Prof Dr. Yasar Ozgok (The 1st surgeon, Ankara, Turkey) right side Assist. Prof. Dr. Yigit AKIN (the 2nd surgeon, Sanliurfa, Turkey).



**Figure 6:** Nurse training was performed successfully. Our course coordinator Dr. Bogdan Petrut thanked to our honorary president Prof Dr Yasar Ozgok for great success. A. Our nurse team with nurse trainees. B. Nurse participant in the workshop. C. Dr. Bogdan Petrut and Prof Dr. Yasar Ozgok with participants. D. Nurse training was also performed during live surgeries.

All nurses watched carefully all procedures (Figure 6). At that time, Assoc Prof Dr Altug Tuncel and Assoc Prof Dr Okan

Istanbuluoglu moderated the sessions in the main hall and commented about the cases.

In the last day of course, practical training sessions in animal laboratory and training box were performed. The trainees received their certificates during the closing ceremony. After ceremony a presentation about E-BLUS training and exam was given by Assit. Prof. Dr. Akin. Thereafter the Practical part (exam) of E-BLUS was performed under Supervision of Prof Dr. Ozgok, Dr.Petrut and, Dr.Akin (Figure 7). A feedback about the course was collected form all participants.

Briefly, a very beneficial laparoscopy course for trainees and nurses was performed. Our team had a great contribution to the course. Turkurolap team has increased with the 33<sup>rd</sup> course international friendship and scientific collaboration and gained great respect by all participants.



**Figure 7:** After ceremony for certificates. A. Prof Dr. Yasar Ozgok is working hard with trainer and trainees. B Assist. Prof. Dr. Yigit AKIN presented E-BLUS exam to trainers and trainees and E-BLUS was performed under Supervision of Prof Dr. Ozgok, Dr.Petrut and, Dr. Akin. C. All participants at the end of course.