



## 42. INTERNATIONAL APPLIED LAPAROSCOPIC UROLOGY COURSE, MEETING REPORT

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Forty-second International Applied Laparoscopic Urology course was successfully completed in Athens-Greece between 30 June-1 July 2017 under the presidency of Prof.Dr.Yaşar Özgök and with the invaluable contribution of Hellenic Urological Association Division of Urologic Surgery and ELPEN experimental research center. Among the course we performed intimate relations with our Greek counterparts and all trainees, and successfully made our country's promotion. As a result of all successfully performed trainings and intimate relations that made a hit among the participants and course organizers, we were invited for future organizations.

Under the presidency of Prof.Dr.Yaşar Özgök, forty-second International Applied Laparoscopic Urology course was successfully completed in Athens-Greece between 30 June-1 July 2017. Participating TÜRKÜROLAP trainers were Prof.Dr.Yaşar Özgök, Assoc Prof. Dr.Ali Serdar Gözen, Prof.Dr. Lütfi Tunç, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yiğit Akın, Assist. Prof. Dr. Murat ZOR. Course presidents were Prof. Dr. Yaşar Özgök, Prof. Dr. Ioannis Anastasiou (Greek) and Dr. John Varkarakis (Greek). Course secretaries were Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yiğit Akın Dr. Nikolas Ferakis (Greek) and Dr. Dimitrios Staios (Greek). Assoc Prof. Dr.Ali Serdar Gözen (Germany) worked as international course coordinator. Other trainers were I.Anastasiou (Greek), A.Andreou (Greek), A.Bekos (Greek), D.Chalikopoulos (Greek), N.Ferakis (Greek), E.Fragkiadis (Greek), A.Joyce (İngiltire), P.Kallidonis (Greek), M.Khalilov (Azerbaycan), G.Kyriakou (Greek), E.Manousakis (Greek), A.Mihalakis (Greek), V.Mygdalis

(Greek), P.Mourmouris (Greek), A. Skolarikos (Greek), D.Staiou (Greek), K.Stravodimos (Greek), S.Tyritzis (Greek). A total of 11 trainees 8 from Bosnia and Herzegovina, 1 from Jordan, 1 from Algeria, and 1 from Kircali were attended to our course

Our course team went to Athens the day before the start of the course and they checked the course hall, meeting halls, wet and dry labs, hospitals and all required equipment. Once we arrived to airport our Greek counterparts act very warm and close to all team and they showed great interest to us.

The course was started on 30<sup>th</sup> June at 8.00 with the speeches of course president Prof.Dr.Yaşar Özgök, president of Hellenic Urological Association Prof. Dr.Iraklis Paulias and the former president of ESUT Prof. Dr. Adrian Joyce (Figure 1).

In the first day of the course, Prof.Dr. Yaşar Özgök made a speech regarding the importance of laparoscopy courses in laparoscopic training, Prof. Dr. Adrian Joyce (England) made his speech entitled "National Publication of Surgeon Outcomes data - does it promote Quality surgery?". Our other trainers Assoc Prof. Dr.Ali Serdar Gözen, Prof.Dr. Lütfi Tunç, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yiğit Akın, and Assist. Prof. Dr. Murat ZOR were successfully made their presentations regarding laparoscopic training and EBLUS exam, physiological complications of laparoscopy, laparoscopic surgical equipments, different trocar positions for different laparoscopic surgeries, respectively (Figure 2,3,4).

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**Figure 1:** The trainees were very interested and motivated from the beginning of the course.



**Figure 2:** Our trainers made their theoretical presentations.



**Figure 3:** Dr. Murat Zor talked about laparoscopic trocar positioning.

On the second session, the trainers made several video presentations of different surgical operations that they performed. All video presentations were made one-to-one. Our international coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ali Serdar Gözen emphasized once more the importance of laparoscopic training, EBLUS exams and also their clinical importance for some European clinics. Thus the first course day was finished with these one-to-one theoretical training and laparoscopic video presentations.

The second day was completed with the live surgeries on live animal models. After the opening ceremony and speeches all trainees were divided into groups and took practical training on live animal models. They performed nephrectomy, varicocelectomy, intracorporeal suturing, and other advanced laparoscopic surgical applications. These live surgeries were performed in two sessions 3 hours each. In general, our team tried their best to teach trainees throughout the course. The course was finished with the closing ceremony and giving the certificates of trainees (Figure 5,6).

Course participation was at the top. Both theoretical sessions and live surgeries on animal models satisfied all trainees. Each participant thanked our laparoscopic training team and gave their greetings. Our man-to-man conversations revealed that all participants were very glad for being in such a course.

**FINALLY;** Forty-second International Applied Laparoscopic Urology course was successfully completed in Athens, in the capital of our neighbor country. Our training programme got attention from all foreigner participants. Our course president Prof. Dr. Yaşar Özgök said that he got several international invitations for further laparoscopic courses. The theoretical presentations and the surgical video presentations were drawn with great interest and all were very didactical. The experienced



**Figure 4:** Course president Prof. Dr. Yaşar Özgök managed interactive discussions.



**Figure 5:** Our group members were in wet laboratory with trainees.

trainer team of TURKUROLAP conveyed their experiences to all eager trainees. The live laparoscopic basic and advanced surgical operations on animal models are also very satisfied the participants, and constituted an important step in their laparoscopic training. Among the course we performed intimate relations with urology specialist that were attended from Greek and Bosnia-Herzegovina, and successfully made our country's



**Figure 6:** We successfully completed 42. International Applied Laparoscopic Urology Course in Athens.

promotion. As a result of all successfully performed trainings and intimate relations that made a hit among the participants and course organizers, we were invited for future organizations. As we all know, it's very important to make the best promotion of our country in foreign countries. Our successfully performed course made its best for achieving this goal.