



44. INTERNATIONAL APPLIED LAPAROSCOPIC UROLOGY COURSE, MEETING REPORT, 2-4 JULY 2017, BAKU AZERBAIJAN

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Forty-fourth International Applied Laparoscopic Urology course was successfully completed in Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan, between 2-4 July 2017 under the presidency of Prof.Dr.Yaşar Özgök and with the invaluable contribution of Azerbaijan Urological Association and Société Internationale d'Urologie (SIU). Among the course we performed intimate relations with our Azerbaijani 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-fourth International Applied Laparoscopic Urology course was successfully completed in Baku-Azerbaijan between 2-4 July 2017. Participating TÜRKÜROLAP trainers were Prof.Dr.Yaşar Özgök, Prof Dr. Selami Albayrak, Prof Dr. Altuğ Tuncel, Assoc.Prof .Dr Selçuk Güven, Assoc.Prof. Dr. Yiğit AKIN, Assoc.Prof. Dr. Rahim Horuz. Course presidents were Prof. Dr. Yaşar Özgök, Prof. Dr. Sudeyf Imamverdiyev (Azerbaijan), Prof. Dr. Jean De La Rosette (Holland), Course secretaries were Assoc. Prof. Dr.Yiğit AKIN, Dr. Vasif Ismayilov (Azerbaijan). Assoc.Prof .Dr Selçuk Güven worked as international course coordinator. Other trainers were Prof Dr. Pilar Laguna (Holland), Mansur Xalilov (Azerbaijan), Kamal Abdullayev (Azerbaijan), Elbeyi Dasedmirli (Azerbaijan), Alimardan Baghishov (Azerbaijan), Rashad Sholan (Azerbaijan), Emin Muhtarov (Azerbaijan), Vahid Ismayilov (Azerbaijan), Asif Cahangirov (Azerbaijan),

Elchin Efendiyev (Azerbaijan), Rafiq Huseynzada (Azerbaijan), Fikrat Gadimaliyev (Azerbaijan), Fikrat Ahmadov (Azerbaijan), Farid Gadimaliyev (Azerbaijan), Rashad Mammadov (Azerbaijan), Ali Bakhishaliyev (Azerbaijan), and Elchin Djavadli (Azerbaijan).

A total of 45 trainees were attended to our course. The participants were medical students, urology specialists and urology residents from Azerbaijan Medical Faculty Department of Urology, from neighbor cities and universities, and from Iraq and Iran.

Our course team went to Baku the day before the start of the course (01.07.2017) and they checked the course hall, meeting halls, wet and dry labs, hospitals and all required equipment. Once we arrived to airport our Azerbaijani counterparts act very warm and close to all team and they showed great interest to us.

The course was started on 2nd June at 8.00 following the visit to the mausoleum of Haydar Aliyev, the deceased president of Azerbaijan. The visit was performed by all international participants with the leadership of our course president Prof.Dr.Yaşar Özgök, and Prof Dr Sudeyf Imamverdiyev (Figure 1,2). After all participants stood in silence in the mausoleum, our trainers went to Turkish martyrdom in Baku. Our course president Prof Dr. Yaşar Özgök placed a wreath on the martyrdom and all course team stood in silence for one minute. Subsequently all participants and trainers went to the course center.

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Figure 1: Standing in silence and leaving a wreath on mausoleum of the deceased president Haydar Aliyev.



Figure 2: Standing in silence and leaving a wreath on to the Turkish martyrdom and praying.



Figure 3: Scenes from the first day A. Course started with the opening speech of Prof Dr. Yaşar Özgök B. There was a great interest to the course from Azerbaijan and neighbor countries C. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yiğit Akin and D. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Selçuk Güven successfully made their speech about laparoscopic and endourologic training models and importance of endourologic training.

The training programme was started with the opening speeches at 8.45 am. With the leadership of Prof Dr. Yaşar Özgök, the all team came across a great interest and they found the chance to display and convey their experiences.

In the first day of the course, Prof.Dr. Yaşar Özgök made a speech regarding the importance of laparoscopy courses in laparoscopic training and the international experiences of our team. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yiğit Akin and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Selçuk Güven successfully made their speech about training models and importance of endourologic training, respectively (Figure 3).

Second day was started with the opening speech of Prof Dr. Yaşar Özgök and continued with theoretical presentations. Prof Dr. Altuğ Tuncel made his presentation about laparoscopic instruments and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Selçuk Güven made his presentation regarding laparoscopic trocar positioning.

Afterwards, video presentation session was started and laparoscopic urologic surgeries were fully discussed with the trainees. With the invaluable contribution of Prof Dr Jean Dela Rosette (Holland) and Prof Dr. Pilar Laguna (Holland) the course gained a great interest from the participants.

After the video and theoretical sessions Prof Dr. Yaşar Özgök, Prof Dr. Altuğ Tuncel and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Doktor Yiğit AKIN performed a live surgery called "laparoskopik transperitoneal parsiyel nefrektomi". The surgery consisted of preserving the kidney while removing the malignant cancerous kidney tissue. All trainees and participants watch the live surgery and interactive discussions were performed while our team performing this advanced laparoscopic live surgery.

On the 3rd day, surgical techniques regarding retrograde intrarenal surgery, which is an endoscopic stone fragmentation and removal technique performed via transurethral route were told and discussed. Prof Dr. Yaşar Özgök conveyed his experiences to the trainees. Azerbaijani urology specialists Fikrat

Ahmadov, Mansur Xalilov, Vasif İsmayil, and Vahid İsmayilov made their video presentations.

The 3rd day continued with the speech of Prof Dr. Yaşar Özgök's own experiences on robotic surgeries. He made a brief presentation of his surgical technique regarding robotic prostate cancer treatment. Afterwards he successfully performed a live laparoscopic radical prostatectomy operation, which is removing the cancerous prostate gland endoscopically without any abdominal incisions. All international and Azerbaijani participants watched his live operation and interactive discussions were performed. Prof Dr. Yaşar Özgök made his closing speech and thanked to all participants. The closing ceremony was finished after giving the certificates.

Another very attractive part of our course was the dry laboratory trainings. In these hands-on training sessions TÜRKÜROLAP training models were used and the basic laparoscopic procedures were shown to the trainees.

Course participation was at the top. Both theoretical sessions and live surgeries 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.



Figure 4: Second day was continued with theoretical presentations. A. Prof Dr. Yaşar Özgök, B-C, Prof Dr Altuğ Tuncel, D. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Selçuk Güven successfully made their theoretical presentations.



Figure 5: Interactive video-presentations were performed on the second day. There was a high level of participation. Our team and Azerbaijani counterparts successfully made their presentations.



Figure 6: Last day presentations were also successfully done. The interest of the trainees never decreased.



Figure 7: Our course was successfully finished under the presidency of Prof Dr. Yaşar Özgök. Azerbaijan press was also followed our course closely.



Figure 8: Dry lab hands-on-training sessions performed. The closing ceremony was finished after giving the certificates.

FINALLY; Forty-fourth International Applied Laparoscopic Urology course was successfully completed in Baku, in the capital of our brother country Azerbaijan. Our training programmes get attention from all foreigner participants. Our course president Prof Dr. Yaşar Özgök said that he get several international invitations for further laparoscopic courses. The theoretical presentations and the surgical video presentations were drawn great interest and all were very didactical. The experienced trainer team of TURKUROLAP conveyed their experiences to all eager trainees. The live laparoscopic advanced surgeries 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 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.