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Fall Travelling Fellowship

Turkey, October 2017

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Introduction: Fall EFORT Traveling Fellowship, Turkey, October 2017.

Detailed description of the fellowship:

Dear members of EFORT,

I hereby submit a brief report of the trip to the EFORT Traveling Fellowship, which took place from October 1st to October 7th, in Turkey, where I have participated as a representative of the Croatian Orthopedic and Traumatology Association (COTA).

First of all, I wish to thank to the Croatian Orthopedic and Traumatology Association (COTA), led by prof. dr. sc. Domagoj Delimar, who have shown me the honor to present COTA to such a significant event.

The EFORT Fellowship Program is intended for residents of the last year of specialization and young specialist in orthopedics and traumatology. Fellowship is held twice a year, in spring and autumn, and the program provides stay in one of the European countries for a period of six days during which the country's most important orthopedic institution are visited.

This year, together with orthopedics and traumatology resident from eleven European countries, Bulgaria, Estonia, France, Italy, Greece, Croatia, Ireland, Italy, Kosovo, Hungary and Germany, I have participated in the Fall Fellowship. The host country was Turkey. The Fellowship Program was held in two cities, Istanbul and Ankara.

We spent the first three days in Istanbul, the first day we visited Bezmialem University. The hosts were Prof. Ibrahim Tuncay. TOTBID, Turkish Orthopedic Association, which has more than 2500 members, was presented to us by Prof. İ. Halit Pınar, president of TOTBID. Each day was organized so that after the preoperative discussion we visited the operating rooms, followed by lectures, mostly related to the operating program that we saw day.

The second day we visited Istanbul University and the oldest Orthopedic Clinic in Turkey, founded in the early 1950s. The host was Prof. Cengiz Sen. After the educational part we were also addressed by Prof. Önder Aydingoz, the current EFORT president, and the former president of TOTBID, who talked about the organization of EFORT and the organization's future plans.

The next day we visited Acibadem University and new imposing building of the private medical school where a cadaver lab from the primary and revision knee prosthesis was organized, for the first time within EFORT Fellowship.

Fourth we visited Hacettepe University in Ankara and a large medical complex within which one of the best Turkish medical schools is situated. The host was Prof. Bulent Atilla.

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The last day he went to visit to the Gulhane Medical School in Ankara and to a large, former military hospital whose main areas of interest gunshot wounds. Within the faculty is also a new center for modern material and 3-D print orthopedic implants. The host was Assoc.Prof. Dogan Bek.

Apart from the orthopedic part, the goal of the Fellowship is to get acquainted with colleagues from other countries, exchange experiences and socializing with participants. I want to mention that excellent social program was organized. Turkish hosts have proven their hospitality, the organization of the whole Fellowship was at the highest level.

At the end of all I note that this Fellowship is a great and useful experience for me, as a young physician, because besides professional knowledge this program has enabled me to gain numerous contacts with colleagues from other countries that I hope to use in future educations.

With respect,

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