Dear Colleagues,

I am delighted to introduce the final issue of the *J Turk Ger Gynecol Assoc* in the publishing year of 2017.

Our *J Turk Ger Gynecol Assoc* since 2000 is publishing original studies on all aspects of Gynecology and consists of research studies on scientific advances, new medical and surgical techniques, obstetric management, and clinical evaluation of drugs and instruments. I would also like to remind you that the archive of our journal starting with September 2009 issue has been indexed in PubMed Central and available for access. It is important to remember the journal is an Open Access publication and the full text content of its archive is available free of charge.

At this year’s final issue we have once again gathered some of the most interesting researches which were submitted to our journal. As you know, DHEA is a critical substrate for sex steroid production in aging women. DHEA supplementation in poor responders may improve reproductive performance. One of our articles investigates whether DHEA supplementation had an impact on endometrial receptivity in women who were poor responders. There is no controlled study investigating the possible effect of DHEA supplementation on homeobox genes (HOXA-10 and HOXA-11) and leukemia-inhibitory factor (LIF). The manuscript on the effect of vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) on the survival rate of preantral follicles following ovarian transplantation is also very interesting. You will read a very informative review from Germany on the role of hormones in hypoactive sexual desire disorder and current treatment. Besides all of these manuscripts, you will also find other interesting articles and a quiz in this issue. Enjoy reading!

We would also like to remind you that time is rapidly approaching to our prestigious 12th Turkish-German Gynecology Congress which will be held in Cyprus between April 27 and May 1 of 2018. As of before, our congress will be held to the highest scientific standards and we are working round the clock to optimize our traditionalized congress. At this year’s congress every morning we will be having keynote lectures with the world’s most reputable speakers; Prof. Jan Deprest (Fetal Medicine: In utero spina bifida repair), Prof. Thomas Ebner (The importance of mitochondria on early embryonic development and possible therapeutic interventions for the future in ART), Prof. Camran Nezhat (Management of genitourinary endometriosis to prevent silent loss of kidney), Prof. Farr Nezhat (Hereditary cancer risk assessment). In addition we will hold live surgery from Germany and Turkey.

**Dear Researchers,**

The best 3 abstracts submitted to the Congress Scientific Committee within the scope of the XI. Turkish-German Gynaecology Congress will be rewarded with the Bayer Abstract Award. The best abstract will be rewarded with 5000 TL. As traditional, the best video presentation submitted in the field of Endoscopic Surgery will receive a 4000 TL Aysun - Cihat ÜNLÜ reward. The aim of these awards is to appreciate the prolificacy of our colleagues in research projects and to encourage especially our young colleagues for the forthcoming years.
We are confident that the congress will give you not only the pleasure of keeping you updated with its rich scientific agenda but also the joy of a well-organized social program and beautiful environment.

Please do not forget to mark April 27- May 1 2018 on your calendars in order to not to miss this scientific festival.

I would like to wish you all a very happy and prosperous new year with your loved ones.

Sincerely,

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