

## *Editorial*



### **Dear Colleagues,**

It is my great pleasure to meet with you again in the first issue of the Journal of the Turkish - German Gynecological Association (JTGGA) in the publishing year of 2018. I would like to remind you that the archive of our journal starting with September 2009 issue has been indexed in PubMed Central. Besides it is indexed in PubMed Central, EMBASE, Scopus, CINAHL, Gale/ Cengage Learning, EBSCO, DOAJ, ProQuest and Index Copernicus and Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI).

I wish to extend my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to everyone who dedicated and sacrificed their time to deliver expertise, effort, and contribution to this publication and evaluation process, and I would welcome your participation and contributions in this journal as the loyal readers.

In this issue, we have many research articles and two good reviews. In this issue, you will read several good papers from all over the world from India to Brazil, Italy and USA. You will enjoy and educate with an interesting Quiz. One of the reviews is about Zika Virus. The recent epidemic of Zika virus (ZIKV) infection in Central and South America is one of the most serious global public health emergencies since the Ebola outbreak in West Africa. In Brazil, especially in the north, northeast, and southeast parts of the country, the ZIKV outbreak is a cause of concern for pregnant women because ZIKV intrauterine infection has been found to be associated with multiple brain malformations and microcephaly. In Brazil, the number of newborns with confirmed microcephaly per year recorded during the ZIKV outbreak, has been approximately 15 times greater than previously reported. Considering that the infection is self-limiting and symptomatic, it is usually diagnosed at the time of routine prenatal scan, especially in the third trimester. In other cases, the disease is detected after childbirth through neuroimaging. This review provides an insight into the history and evolution of ZIKV in Brazil, including current knowledge concerning the transmission, diagnosis, and pathogenesis of the infection. In addition, this review describes the pre- and postnatal neuroimaging findings obtained using ultrasound, magnetic resonance imaging, and computed tomography. Enjoy reading.

### **Dear Readers, Dear Colleagues,**

Again, we would like to invite you to join us for our 12<sup>th</sup> Turkish - German Gynecology Congress to be held in Cyprus between April 27 and May 1, 2018. Please take note of the dates April 27<sup>th</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 in your calendars. Turkish - German Gynecological Education and Research Foundation has already kicked off its activities to organize its 12<sup>th</sup> Congress on these days at the Elexus Hotel and Convention Center in Kyrenia, Cyprus. On behalf of the Turkish-German Gynecological Association (TGGA), we owe a great dept of gratitude to all our colleagues who have contributed their efforts in the preparation of the congress, particularly to Congress Secretary (notably to Prof. Cem DEMİREL and Prof. Yaprak ÜSTÜN) and to the representatives of the Figure Company who have excellently undertaken the organization.

Our Congress will attract further attention and will once again provide a nice meeting occasion to all of us thanks to its recognition in the international platform of science after many years of devoted work. We kindly invite you, all our

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distinguished colleagues to this unique scientific event. The high standard of the scientific program will be attractive for the international gynecology and obstetrics community world and we look forward to welcoming you to Cyprus. The 12<sup>th</sup> congress is also being designed to host a rich scientific program and pre-congress courses, interactive surgery sessions as well as joint sessions with international societies. A pretty rich program awaits you at the congress. Now is a time for more collaboration rather than competition.

### 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 abstracts submitted in the field of Endoscopic Surgery will receive a 4.000 TL Cihat-Aysun 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. Please do not forget to mark the congress on your calendars in order to not to miss this scientific festival.

### Dear Colleagues,

The long-term success of our journal can be achieved by publications with high scientific quality. To reach this purpose, we need support from all our members and our scientists. Our Journal born in 2000 is doing very well, its already has left its childhood behind by becoming professional and reached puberty under the name of *J Turk Ger Gynecol Assoc*. On behalf of the office staff and the editorial board of the *J Turk Ger Gynecol Assoc*, we would like to extend our thanks to all of our reviewers during the past year for your outstanding contributions. I owe a great depth of gratitude to our national and international editorial board members for maintaining the continuity of our journal successfully and notably to Prof. Yaprak ÜSTÜN and Prof. Gazi YILDIRIM. The maintenance of our success will be possible by your support. We are waiting for your valuable and precious works for publishing.

On behalf of TGGF, we wish you a sunny Spring.

Sincerely,

**Prof. Cihat Ünlü, M.D.**

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**President of TGGF**