

Dear Colleagues,

We are happy to invite you to the Opening Ceremony and 1st International Congress of the Mirko Tos Ear & Hearing Research Center and to the 4th International Congress of Istanbul Audiology, which will take place in Trakya University, Edirne on 15-17 January 2020.

Professor Mirko Tos, one of the best otorhinolaryngologists in the world, passed away on January 16, 2018, in Denmark at the age of 87. His books are the leading textbooks used to teach otologic surgery. He published nearly 700 articles and was a very productive otolaryngologist at the peak of his career. Besides having many invitations from several countries, he also visited Trakya University and Edirne several times and gave important lectures here. He was the mentor of many otolaryngologists not only from Denmark but also from Turkey, Balkans and all world. That is the reason why we dedicated our International Ear & Hearing Research Center in loving memory of Mirko Tos.

We will hold "4th International Congress of Istanbul Audiology" at the same time. Since audiology is a multidisciplinary field, it works in many areas such as otolaryngology, engineering, radiology, psychiatry, special education. Creation of a multi-centered culture and stimulation of research for the development of high technology in otology and audiology are the main axis of our congress. Thus, the main theme of the joint congress is "innovative approach in ear and hearing research".

We would be honored to be together with our colleagues who work in otology, otoneurology, audiology and related sciences. Hearing physiology, scientific / ethical applications in animal experiments, electrophysiology, screening programs, auditory rehabilitation and engineering applications (speech signal processing, diagnostic equipment, artificial intelligence, machine learning) will also be discussed as main topics.

The latest scientific developments in the field of audiology, otology, otoneurology, hearing physiology, animal experiments, electrophysiology and auditory rehabilitation will be discussed with the contributions of many competent speakers.

We wish that the joint congress will be scientifically satisfying, social activities and friendships are established and reinforced with the attendance of the scientists and participants from our region, Europe, Balkans, Turkic Republics, North Africa and Middle East.

CONGRESS PRESIDENTS

Prof. Dr. Cem UZUN

Prof. Dr. Ahmet ATAŞ