

Istanbul hosts Young Academic Urologists Meeting



Inspiring 105 young Turkish urologists and residents



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The Young Academic Urologists Istanbul 2024 Meeting was successfully held on 3 February at the Istanbul University Beyazit Campus, Turkey. Organised by Turkish members of the YAU in collaboration with YAU Working Groups, the meeting aimed to connect pioneering YAU researchers with young urologists and residents. In total, 105 young researchers from various Turkish cities (22 urologists, 80 urology residents, and three medical faculty students) attended the meeting, alongside six young urologists from European countries (England, Italy, Austria, Portugal, and Russia).

The event started with opening speeches from YAU chair Assoc. Prof. Juan Gomez Rivas (ES), the organisation secretariats, Dr. Selcuk Erdem and Dr. Emre Sener. The scientific programme featured seven sessions: an overview of the EAU Young Urologists Office (YUO) and EAU-YAU, as well as sessions dedicated to YAU Working Groups, and a multidisciplinary prostate cancer panel.

In the first session, past chair of YUO Prof. Tarik Esen (TR) presented a brief history of YUO's establishment, while Assoc. Prof. Gomez Rivas discussed the current developments and future of YAU. Each YAU Working Group session included the chair introducing their group's vision and mission, followed by scientific presentations on recent topics. At the end of each session, a 'resident corner' featured a Turkish urology resident detailing an article published by the YAU Working Group.

The morning sessions included presentations from the Renal Cancer Working Group chair Dr. Riccardo Campi (IT), followed by Dr. Erdem and Dr. Serdar Turan (TR). The multidisciplinary prostate cancer panel discussion comprised of Prof. Faruk Ozcan (TR), Prof. Kamil Cam (TR), Assoc. Prof. Gomez Rivas, Dr. Erdem, Prof. Ugur Selek (TR), and Dr. Murat Sari (US) presented. The morning concluded



Juan Gomez Rivas, EAU-YAU Chair presenting



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with updates from the Functional Urology Working Group chair Dr. Nadir Osman (GB) and Dr. Gokhan Culha (TR) and Dr. Veysel Zengin (TR). These sessions featured inspiring scientific content and discussions on complex clinical cases.

In the afternoon, the Paediatric Urology Working Group past chair Dr. Beatriz Banuelos (ES), as well as Assoc. Prof. İrfan Donmez (TR), Assoc. Prof. Numan Baydilli (TR), and Dr. İsmail Selvi (TR) spoke. Then there were presentations from the Endourology & Urolithiasis Working Group chair Dr. Amelia Pietropaolo (GB), followed by Dr. Sener and Dr. Turker Altuntas (TR). The scientific programme concluded with presentations from the Sexual and Reproductive Health Working Group chair Assoc. Prof. Giorgio Russo (IT), followed by Dr. Selcuk Sarikaya (TR) and Dr. Oguzhan Kallimci (TR).

Closing remarks and future perspectives were provided by Dr. Erdem and Dr. Sener. The event concluded with thank-you plaques presented to industry representatives supporting the meeting.

Social activities included faculty dinners featuring Mediterranean seafood the night before the meeting and traditional Anatolian cuisine on the evening of the event. The following morning, the group enjoyed a Turkish breakfast at Istanbul University Baltalimani Restaurant, located by the Bosphorus seaside.



The meeting was very well attended by young urologists from all over Turkey



Moments from faculty dinner and breakfast

As the organisation secretariats, we were proud to host this meeting in our country. The event inspired Turkish young urologists with the vision of EAU-YAU and fostered opportunities for networking and future collaborations with pioneering European researchers. We extend our gratitude to Juan Gomez Rivas for his endless support and to all EAU-YAU chairs and members for their invaluable contributions.

We believe that the meeting served as a model for future gatherings aimed at uniting young urologists with the EAU-YAU vision at a national level across various European countries.