

JOINT MEETINGS OF SIPO AND TNPS

The aim of this joint meetings of SIPO (Società Italiana di Pediatria Ospedaliera) and TNPS (Turkish National Pediatric Society) will be strengthen the ties between the pediatricians of the two countries and to provide an opportunity for interactions and scientific exchange.

The conference schedule includes plenary talks of general interest and focused special sessions featuring current research in specific areas. There will also be ample time for informal discussions.

The conference will take place during the annual congresses of respective countries.

About the Turkish National Pediatric Society

The Turkish National Pediatric Society was established in 1958 in Ankara by Prof. İhsan Dođramacı who is the Honorary President of IPA (International Pediatric Association). The Turkish National Pediatric Society is a national multicentral organization of Turkish pediatricians with representing nearly 3000 pediatricians in 27 centers across the country: Western (İstanbul, İzmir, Bursa, Aydın, Kocaeli, Edirne, Düzce, Manisa, Bolu), Southern (Adana, Antalya, Hatay, Mersin), Northern (Samsun, Trabzon), Central (Ankara, Kayseri, Eskişehir, Konya, Kırıkkale), Eastern (Gaziantep, Sivas, Erzurum, Diyarbakır, Elazığ, Şanlıurfa, Van).

The Turkish National Pediatric Society organizes regular annual national congresses in addition to regional meetings, seminars and workshops, especially in Eastern Anatolia. The Turkish National Pediatric Society functions as an advisory board for Turkish Ministry of Health, and has a close relationship with ICC (International Children Center) and Turkish National Committee for UNICEF for promoting child health studies in Turkey.

The Turkish National Pediatric Society is the member of IPA, UNPSTR (Union of National Pediatrics Societies of Turkish Republics), and UMEMPS (Union of Middle Eastern and Mediterranean Pediatric Societies).

Executive Board of the Society consists 14 members which is renewed every three years during the council of delegates meeting, and president of the society is elected with a rotating system for giving opportunity to the regional centers.

In the Middle-east and Mediterranean area

The Union of Middle-Eastern and Mediterranean Pediatric Societies (UMEMPS) has been established in 1960 when the Egyptian Pediatric Society and Turkish National Pediatric Society took the initiative and organized the 1st and 2nd UMEMPS Congresses in Cairo (Egypt), and next year in Ankara (Turkey).

After its establishment, the Union grew in size and admitted more Pediatric Societies, namely those of Albania, Algeria, Bahrain, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cyprus, Croatia, Egypt, France, Greece, Italy, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Libya, Lebanon, Mauritania, Morocco, Spain, Sudan, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Slovenia, Tunisia, Turkey, UAE, and Yemen; and as it stands now, the Union includes (27) twenty seven Pediatric Societies representing twenty seven different countries in Asia, Africa and Europe. Turkish National Pediatric Society organized two more congresses in Turkey in 1993 and 2007.

In Eurasia and Caucasia

The objectives of the Union of Pediatric Societies of Turkish Republics (UNPSTR), one of the main branches of International Pediatric Association (IPA), shall be the promotion of friendship of friendship among the members of the national societies which make up the Union for the benefit of children in their respective countries, in the region and throughout the world and for the advancement of knowledge in the areas of pediatric medicine, pediatric surgery, and their subspecialties for the improvement of child health.

Members of UNPSTR are Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Turkey and Uzbekistan; and Associate Members are Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, and Autonomous Republics of Nakhchivan (Azerbaijan), Bashkortostan (Russian Federation), Crimea (Ukraine), Tatarstan (Russian Federation). Turkmeneli (Northern Iraq) is also presented as Associate Member.

The Founder and Honorary President of UNPSTR was Prof. Ihsan Dogramaci who was also Honorary Presidents of IPA, and ICC.

UNPSTR is encouraging Caucasian and Central Asian countries to improve their child health situations since its establishment in the year 1993 through organizing congresses and workshops. UNPSTR organized ten "Turkish World Congresses of Pediatrics", and most of the congresses supported by the Presidents of the respective countries.

1993, Ankara, Turkey (Under the Patronage of Suleyman Demirel, President of Turkey);

1994, Tashkent, Uzbekistan;

1996, Almaty, Kazakhstan;

1997, Baku, Azerbaijan (Under the Patronage of Haydar Aliyev, President of Azerbaijan);

1999, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan (Under the Patronage of Askar Akaev, President of Kyrgyzstan);

2006, Baku, Azerbaijan (Under the Patronage of Ilham Aliyev, President of Azerbaijan);

2007, Kyrenia, Cyprus (Under the Patronage of Mehmet Ali Talat, President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus);

2008, Nakhchivan, Azerbaijan (Under the Patronage of Vasif Talibov, Chairman of the Great Council of Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic of Azerbaijan);

2009, Simferopol, Crimea Autonomous Republic of Ukraine.

2010, Astana, Kazakhstan, (Under the Patronage of Nursultan Nazarbayev, President of Kazakhstan);

The place of forthcoming congress in 2011 will be Dushanbe, Tajikistan.

Turkish National Pediatric Society, as a founding and main supporting country of UNPSTR, also provides free scholarship as a form of financial aid for six-month training of pediatricians living in the congress holding countries in the leading university hospitals in Turkey. During the last two years, four pediatricians from Azerbaijan (two of them from Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic of Azerbaijan), were educated in neonatology, allergic disorders, and nephrology.

UCENS (Union of Central Eurasian Neonatal Societies) is a Sister Society with UNPSTR which was founded in 2007 in Turkey. Members of UCENS are Afghanistan, Azerbaijan,

Bashkortostan (Russian Federation), Crimea (Autonomous Republic of Ukraine),

Georgia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tatarstan (Russian Federation), Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Associate Members is Egypt.

Currently there is a Sister Society Agreement between UNPSTR and UCENS, as two non-governmental organizations (NGOs) working in the same geographical area to promote the well-being of newborn infants primarily in Central Eurasia. Both unions work and cooperate with concerned governments and UN agencies (particularly the WHO, UNICEF, and UNFPA), and non-governmental organizations (particularly ICC, and IPA).

Periodic meetings with Finnish and foreign pediatric societies

Turkish National Pediatric Society has also a pivotal role in creating a friendship far beyond the ordinary medical meetings between pediatricians living in Finland and Egypt. Turkish National Pediatric Society is a partner of “Finnish-Turkish Pediatric Cooperation” with Finnish Pediatric Society which organizes pediatric meetings alternatively in Finland and Turkey since its establishment in 1976 by Prof. Ihsan Dogramaci and Prof. Niilo Hallman.

“The Egyptian-Turkish Pediatric Meetings” were established in 2009 in order to provide a platform to discuss the regional pediatric problems which may lead in planning reliable regional projects, and to present recent developments in clinical and social pediatrics. Turkish National Pediatric Society hosted the “First Egyptian-Turkish Pediatric Meeting” in 2009 in Marmaris. The next meeting will be organized by the Egyptian Pediatric Association in Egypt.

“The Iranian-Turkish Pediatric Meetings” were established in 2010 for the similar purposes, and the first meeting was organized by the Turkish National Pediatric Society in 2010 in Antalya.

Turkish National Pediatric Society is also active in performing pediatric projects in the region. One of them is establishing a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in State Medical Institute in Tashkent, Capital of Uzbekistan. Since the beginning of the project, five pediatricians and four nurses were trained in Neonatal Intensive Care Unit of Hacettepe University Ihsan Dogramaci Children’s Hospital in Ankara. “Training of Physicians and Nurses in Neonatal Medicine in Baskhortoston” is another project. In 2008 and 2009, two “Seminars in Neonatal Medicine” have been organized at Children's Republican Hospital in Ufa, Capital of Baskhortoston.

International Publication

The Turkish Journal of Pediatrics is published continuously since 1959 by the Turkish National Pediatric Society whose international editorial board is composed by the Presidents member societies of UNPSTR.

A PROPOSAL FOR THE DECLARATION OF THE ITALIAN-TURKISH PEDIATRIC MEETINGS

Article 1 - Aim

1-1. To create new friendships between pediatricians living in Italy and Turkey, SIPO (Società Italiana di Pediatria Ospedaliera) and the Turkish National Pediatric Society have reached an agreement to be a partner in organizing joint meetings.

1-2. These meetings will also help to provide scientific Exchange, and collaboration for research projects

Article 2 – Content

These meetings

2-1. will be organized as conferences, seminars, and workshops,

2-2. may provide a platform to discuss the regional pediatric problems, and to present recent developments in clinical and social pediatrics, and

2-3. will lead in planning reliable regional pediatric projects.

2-4. The language of the meetings will be in English.

Article 3 – Organization

3-1. These meetings will be organized every two years in Italy and Turkey, alternatively.

3-2. These meetings will be organized during, before or after the national annual pediatric congresses of SIPO and TNPS.

3-3. The duration of the meetings will be 1-2 days.

Article 4 – Organizing Committee

4-1. Scientific and social programs of the meetings will be prepared by the Organizing Committee.

4-2. The Organizing Committee will be composed of two delegates of each society, and the President and Secretary of the meetings will be from the hosting country.

4-3. The speakers from Italy and Turkey will be decided by the Organizing Committee, and the titles of their talks will be sent at least three months before the meeting to the Organizing Committee.

Article 5 – Expenses

5-1. All travel expenses will be covered by the visiting country.

5-2. All accommodation expenses and social programs will be covered by the hosting country.

5-3. Maximum number of the pediatricians (i.e. maximum number of hotel rooms free of charge) from visiting country will be 10.

5-4. All accommodation expenses of the accompanying persons will be covered by themselves, except if the accompanying person stays in the same room with the participant pediatrician.

5-5. If the total number of the participants (including accompanying persons) from visiting country exceeds 20, all accommodation expenses of extra-accompanying persons to be covered by the visiting country.