



**A BRIEF REPORT ON 24TH BIENNIAL INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON THROMBOSIS  
MAY 4-7, 2016; HALIC CONGRESS CENTER; ISTANBUL-TURKEY**

Dear Colleagues and Participants,

As you know, 24th Biennial International Congress on Thrombosis has been held on 4th-7th May, 2016 in Istanbul, under the Presidency of Ahmet Muzaffer Demir on behalf of EMLTD. Our meeting was quite successful despite the terrorist attacks and serious security issues. I would like to thank to the president of EMLTD (Prof. Lina Badimon) and all the members of the Executive Board for their contributions, for the scientific atmosphere, and the transference of knowledge in such hard times as war, migration, suffering, and tragedy.

I have received incredibly positive feedback by emails and also face to face interviews in scientific meetings. The scientific and social programmes of our meeting were appreciated and recognized. I would like to thank to the moderators, speakers and poster presenters for their priceless contributions.

We had almost 400 participants, 94 moderators and speakers, 22 sessions and 6 satellite sessions. Fifty-four oral communications and 164 posters were presented in 9 sessions. Four oral and 4 poster presentations were granted by the EMLTD.

As a nice coincidence, our meeting was held in the 100th anniversary of the invention of heparin, a special molecule saving billions of lives. Special sessions were carried out for this occasion and a special pathway was created as "Heparin Street and Jay McLean Avenue". Centenary knowledge on heparin was presented by visual boards. Heparin Street and Jay McLean Avenue were quite liked by participants.

For the first time, special symposia were held in honor of the founders of the Society. Dr. Jose Antonio Iriarte, Dr. Orhan Nuri Ulutin and Dr. Michel Samama sessions attracted attention. Honorary plates were presented to their relatives.

Maria Graciela Pedreira from Uruguay, President of ISTH, Nigel Key from USA and Secretary General of EMLTD, Maria Teresa Santos from Spain made presentations in a joint session by EMLTD/CLATH/ISTH. Daniela Mikovic from Serbia contributed to our meeting with a presentation on behalf of Danubian League against Thrombosis and

Hemorrhagic Disorders (DLTH). I would like to thank the representatives of ISTH, CLATH and DLTH for their contribution and participation.

Our social contents were also recognized, with a dance show and polyphonic choir on the opening ceremony and awards ceremony in Halic Congress Center.

I would like to thank to my colleagues on the local organization committee, local organization company, Serenas, and all the Geyseco staff for their devoted works and to you, for your priceless contributions.

With my best and kindest regards, hope to see you in Venice for 25<sup>th</sup> ICT.

Prof. Dr. Ahmet Muzaffer Demir

**President of 24<sup>th</sup> ICT**

**President of EMLTD (2016-2018)**