## The First Transplantation Symposium in Kiev, Ukraine

## **Takes Place with Resounding Success**

In an effort to encourage further collaboration between Baskent University and the Bogomolets National Medical University, the first transplant symposium in the history of Ukraine was held in Kiev on October 15-16, 2021 with great success. Despite the existence of few organ transplant centers where kidney, liver and heart transplantations are being performed, the need for coordinating and cooperating transplant activities throughout the country necessitated the organization of such a meeting.

On October 15, the first day of the Symposium, Prof. Haberal and his team performed a living-related kidney transplantation at the operating room of Baskent University Hospital in Ankara, Turkey and for the first time, the surgery was broadcasted to almost 800 participants from 46 cities in Ukraine and 7 different countries through a live-zoom connection.

The Ukrainian-Turkish Scientific-Practical Symposium on Transplantation was organized as a hybrid meeting. The symposium was supported by Baskent University in order



to encourage and assist Ukrainian colleagues in establishing successful transplant programs for end stage organ disease patients.



The second day of the Symposium drew a large number of participants and was attended by Mrs. Hanna Starostenko, Deputy Head of the Kyiv City State Administration, Curator of Kyiv Health Care Development. In her welcome remarks, she thanked to all attendees and everyone involved in the organization and drew attention to the important contributions that Prof. Haberal had made in promoting transplantation in their region.

The scientific program continued with the presentation of Prof. Mehmet Haberal on the status of transplantation in Turkey and the region. Scientific sessions continued by the presentations of the Ukrainian and Turkish speakers involved in organ transplantation. The Ukrainian colleagues presented their achievements in heart transplantation in adult and pediatric patients, mechanical heart implantation, kidney transplantation in adult and pediatric patients from living



## Ukrainian-Turkish scientific-practical conference «Transplantation»

15 - 16 October 2021



## **Organizer**

Bogomolets National Medical University (Kyiv, Ukraine) Bashkent University (Ankara, Turkey)

*Venue:* Kyiv, 34 Peremohy Avenue, morphological building of the Bogomolets National Medical University, lecture hall №3.

Conference website: http://www.transplantationukraine.com/index.php

OCTOBER 15, 2021		
09:45-10:00	Opening Rector of the Bogomolets National Medical University, Professor, Doctor of Medicine Kuchyn Yuriy Leonidovych	
10:00-12:00	Broadcast from the operating room.	Laparoscopic kidney sampling from a family donor.  Operates: Prof., Dr. Mehmet Haberal  Commented by: Assoc. Prof., Dr. Ebru Hatice Aivazoglu Soy
12:00-14:00	Broadcast from the operating room.	Kidney transplantation from a family donor. Operates: Prof., Dr. Mehmet Haberal Commented by: Assoc. Prof., Dr. Ebru Hatice Aivazoglu Soy
14:00-15:00	Answers to questions and discussion of experts.	
OCTOBER 16, 2021		
09:00-09:10	Greetings to the conference participants.  Deputy Head of the Kyiv City State Administration, Curator of Kyiv Health Care Development, Mrs. Hanna Starostenko Founder of the University of Bashkent, Prof., Dr. Mehmet Haberal	
09:10-09:40	TRANSPLANTATION IN TURKEY AND IN OUR REGION Mehmet Haberal Speaker: Chairman of the Supreme Board of the University of Bashkent, Prof. Dr. Mehmet Haberal	



related and deceased donors, the results of combined kidney and partial pancreas transplantation, as well as liver transplantation from deceased donors. Turkish colleagues presented their experience in kidney transplantation, the possibility of interventional technologies in the postoperative period, the features of immunosuppressive therapy and also, talked about the legal and organizational aspects of organ transplantation in Turkey.

The Ukrainian-Turkish Scientific-Practical Symposium proved to be a great success, with high positive feedback from all who were in attendance. Realizing that education and public awareness are essential for transplant programs to flourish, the organization of congresses becomes paramount to support such efforts in all regions.

During the symposium, Prof. Haberal suggested that the establishment of a transplant society is essential to promote organ transplantation in Ukraine and to create a platform for international collaboration and scientific activities where Ukrainian colleagues will have an opportunity to exchange ideas. As soon as the society is established, it will explore ways to collaborate with The Turkish Transplantation Society (TOND), The Turkic World Transplantation Society (TDTD), The Middle East Society for Organ Transplantation (MESOT) as well as The Transplantation Society (TTS).

The cooperation between Baskent University and the Bogomolets National Medical University is one such example and this symposium was no exception in its goal to create a platform for collaboration resulting in enhanced education, training, and knowledge-sharing in Ukraine.



▲ Prof. Mehmet Haberal during the discussions of establishment of a transplant society





▲ Prof. Mehmet Haberal during his visit to the Pediatric Hospital



▲ Prof. Mehmet Haberal with the Parliament Member Oksana Dmitrieva





▲ Founder of the National O. O. Bogomolets Medical University





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