The 2nd Turkish Medical World Council (SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT)
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The 2nd Turkish Medical World Council

The 2nd Turkish Medical World Council was held on 29-31 October 2015 in Istanbul with the participation of 600 local and foreign participants. In the opening session of the Council, Dr. Mehmet Müezzinoğlu, Minister of Health of the Republic of Turkey, Dr. Öner Güner, General Director of EU and Foreign Affairs and Prof. Dr. Banu Onaral from Drexel University addressed to the participants. Activities of the Presidency of Turkish Health Institutes (TUSEB) were designated as the technical working areas of the 2nd Turkish Medical World Council. Within this framework, working groups were established under the following titles:
- Health Biotechnology,
- Cancer,
- Quality Systems of Hospitals,
- Chronic Diseases,
- Traditional and Complementary Medicine,
- Non-governmental organizations,
and around 400 scientist came together in these groups. Closing speech of the Council was delivered by Prof. Dr. Eyüp Gümüş, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Health. Detailed information about the Council is available in the SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT.
Telephone call between Dr. Mehmet Müezzinoğlu, Minister of Health of the Republic of Turkey and Dr. Petre Moskov, Minister of Health of Bulgaria

Dr. Mehmet Müezzinoğlu, Minister of Health of the Republic of Turkey made a telephone call with Dr. Petre Moskov, Minister of Health of Bulgaria on Thursday, 22 October 2015 at 09:30-09:45.

In the interview, the Bulgarian Minister thanked for the 40 thousand dose pentavalent vaccine which will be granted by Turkey and stated that they wanted to cooperate for their pentavalent vaccine needs of 2 years. In return, the Turkish Minister said that it would be more appropriate to deal with this issue after the General Election of 1 November 2015. The Bulgarian Minister Dr. Petre Moskov wished success to the Turkish Minister on the occasion of the general election which will be held on 1 November 2015. The Turkish Minister too wished success to his Bulgarian counterpart on the occasion of the local elections of 25 October 2015.
Visit of Ms. Zakia Shah Nawaz Khan, Minister of Population Welfare of Pakistan

Ms. Zakia Shah Nawaz Khan, Minister of Population Welfare of Pakistan visited the Public Health Institution of Turkey on 21 October 2015. GD of EU and Foreign Affairs attended the meeting as well.

Upon request of the Pakistani Minister, a presentation was made on reproductive health, reproductive health centers and family planning during the meeting which started at 16:00 in the Farabi Room of the Public Health Institution of Turkey.
Visit of Mohamad Abdi Hassan, Minister of Information of Somalia to Turkey:

Mohamad Abdi Hassan, Minister of Information of Somalia who was in Turkey for his treatment and treated at Ankara Yüksek İhtisas Training and Research Hospital under the Law no 3359 visited the GD of EU and Foreign Affairs on Thursday, 22 October 2015 at 14:00.

During the meeting the Minister of Somali expressed that visible developments took place in Somali following the visit of the President of Turkey; there exist historical roots between two countries; they know and will not forget that Turkey was the first country who reacted against the challenges of the Somalian people; he believes that the Turkish and Somalian people will continue working together; the Somalian people desire development of cooperation with Turkey in every field; there are great business opportunities in Somali for the Turkish entrepreneurs; there is a huge potential of cooperation in the fields of fishery, stock farming, agriculture, energy, petroleum, natural gas and construction and that Somali is strategically important in Africa for collaboration with China and India and he stated that if his schedule allows, he would like to meet with Dr. Mehmet Müezzinoğlu, Minister of Health of the Republic of Turkey.
Big Step in ONKOGEN Project

Within the framework of the ONKOGEN Project planned to be executed by the Cancer Institute of Turkey, discussions were held between the Health Institutes Presidency of Turkey (TUSEB), affiliated to the Ministry of Health, and Massachusetts General Hospital, affiliated to Harvard University in the USA on 8 October 2015 at Bakırköy Prof. Dr. Mazhar Osman Mental Health and Neurology Training and Research Hospital.

The delegation of the Turkish Ministry of Health consisted of Prof. Dr. Fahrettin Keleştemur, President of TUSEB, Prof. Dr. İlhan Satman, Vice President of TUSEB, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Özet, President of Cancer Institute of Turkey, Prof. Dr. A. Osman Kılıç, President of Biotechnology Institute of Turkey, Associate Prof. Ayşe Turan, Member of Trustee Board of TUSEB, Dr. Saim Kerman, Member of Capital Market Board of the Ministry of Health, President of Chronic Diseases Institute of Turkey and Mr. Barış Çelik, from the GD of EU and Foreign Affairs.

Delegation of Massachusetts General Hospital consisted of Marianne Boswell, Integrated Diagnosis Center Program Director, Prof. Dr. Darrel Borger and Associate Prof. Ömer Yılmaz. During the meeting, the following items were agreed;

- Execution of a non-binding Statement of Intent on ONKOGEN Project between the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey and Massachusetts General Hospital;
- Finalization of the agreement by the end of 2015 in order to build concrete foundations of the cooperation in ONKOGEN Project between the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey and Massachusetts General Hospital.

Within this framework, a symbolic signature ceremony was organized on 9 October 2015 at Provincial Health Directorate of Istanbul in the presence of the press. The statement of intent concerning cooperation in ONKOGEN Project Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey and Massachusetts General Hospital was signed between Prof. Dr. Eyüp Gümüş, Undersecretary of Ministry of Health and Marianne Boswell, Integrated Diagnosis Center Program Director of the Massachusetts General Hospital.
2nd Syria Coordination Meeting

In order to ensure uniformity of practices countrywide for the health services of Syrians, determine the needs and make healthy planning and assess the provided services properly, the 2nd Syria Coordination Meeting was held in Gaziantep on 8 October 2015 with the participation of central and regional organization and under chairmanship of Prof. Dr. Eyüp Gümüş, Undersecretary of Ministry of Health. Dr. Öner Güner, GD of EU and Foreign Affairs attended the meeting.

The delegation headed by Dr. Öner Güner and the World Health Organization made a working visit to Gaziantep Site Office. They wished success to Dr. Alaa Abou-Zeid, who stepped in recently, and exchanged opinions about the joint works for our Syrian guests. The field hospital in Nizip which was established in the temporary accommodation facility of the Syrians was also visited.

Visit of the Officials from Ukraine Embassy in Ankara to the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs

Rostyslav Tkachenko, Military Attaché of Ukraine Embassy in Ankara and Bogdan Konopliastyi, the Second Clerk, visited the GD of EU and Foreign Affairs on 23 October 2015 in order to exchange opinions regarding the grant agreement on one set inflatable field hospital planned to be built in Ukraine by Turkey and visit of the Ukraine Ambassador to Prof. Dr. Eyüp Gümüş, Undersecretary of Ministry of Health on 26 October 2015.
OIC Cancer Monitoring and Screening Workshop

OIC Cancer Monitoring and Screening Workshop was hosted by Turkey and held in Ankara at Green Park hotel on 13-15 October 2015.

Experts from OIC Member States who perform cancer studies attended the workshop and the inaugural statement was delivered by Prof. Dr. Eyüp Gümüş, Undersecretary of Ministry of Health.
Turkey-Uzbekistan Health Week

Plastic Surgery Operations Project was held in Uzbekistan on 14-25 October 2015 with the cooperation of Ministry of Health, TIKA, Ministry of Health of Uzbekistan, Interplasti Foundation and Healthy Child Foundation of Uzbekistan.

Within the scope of the project executed in Fergana Valley Region (Fergana, Namangan and Andican provinces), 109 cleft palates and lips and burn operations were performed and 381 examinations were made.

Detailed information on Health Week is available in the SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT.
Closing Meeting of the Project to Support Turkey for Constitution of Human Rights-based Framework in Implementation of EU-Turkey Readmission Agreement

In order to enable inclusion of human rights and international standards in the implementations; reinforcement of administrative, technical and legislation capacities of General Directorate of Migration Administration concerning readmission and application of human rights and international standards at the repatriation centers while executing the liabilities arising from the EU-Turkey Readmission Agreement, the “Project to Support Turkey for Constitution of Human Rights-based Framework in Implementation of EU-Turkey Readmission Agreement” was performed between the dates of 01 September 2014 and 01 October 2015. The closing meeting of this Project was held on 01 October 2015.

Experiences in the performance process of the project, the obtained gains, “Need Analysis Report” prepared for the Readmission Agreement and the irregular migration and readmission agreements under the latest developments were discussed during the meeting, which GD for EU and Foreign Affairs attended as well.

Drafting Work of the Project to Improve Health Literacy among the Disadvantageous Groups

Representatives of the Public Health Institution of Turkey and staff of the GD for EU and Foreign Affairs attended the “Drafting Work of the Project to Improve Health Literacy among the Disadvantageous Groups” which was organized at the Public Health Institution of Turkey on 02 October 2015.

Drafting works of the Project Fiche concerning the Project to Improve Health Literacy among the Disadvantageous Groups which will be submitted to the IPA II Term and funded by the EU were performed by the staff of the relevant institution and our General Directorate.
62nd Regional Committee Meeting of the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean

62nd Regional Committee Meeting of the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean which was held on 5-8 October 2015 was attended by the GD of EU and Foreign Affairs.

Health of Ministers and high-level representatives from 22 Member States attended the meeting during which such items as universal health coverage, emergency preparedness and response, global health safety and evaluation of the implementation of International Health Regulation were discussed. An intervention was presented on tobacco report of the Regional Director. Moreover, representatives of the OIC Member States who were present were informed about the “Cancer Screening and Monitoring Workshop” to be held on 13-15 October 2015 in Ankara and “5th Islamic Conference of Health Ministers” to be organized on 17-19 November 2015.

Cooperation Activities in Kenya under coordination of Turkey and Hungary

Within the framework of cooperation activities in Kenya which will be conducted under coordination of Turkey and Hungary, a meeting was organized at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 6 October 2015 with the participation of General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs, TIKA and Ankara Embassy of Hungary in order to ensure exchange of opinions between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Health.

During the meeting, the Hungary side was informed about the probable cooperation activities in health in Kenya. At the end of the meeting, Ministry of Foreign affairs of both countries decided to prepare a working calendar for the activities in Kenya and establish coordination between the Ministries of Health.
1st International Integrated Health Care Congress (21-23 October 2015)

The 1st International Integrated Health Care Congress was held at Istanbul CNR Expo Exhibition Center on 21-23 October 2015. A delegation headed by Dr. Öner Güner, General Director of EU and Foreign Affairs, attended this Congress.

During the congress, bilateral meeting was held with Mr. Adil Osmanovic, Minister of Civilian Works of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The issue of vaccines considered to be granted to Bosnia Herzegovina based on a grant agreement was discussed in the meeting.

Drafting Work of the Project to Improve Health Literacy among the Disadvantageous Groups – Drug Abuse

Representatives of the Public Health Institution of Turkey and GD of EU and Foreign Affairs attended the "Drafting Work of the Project to Improve Health Literacy among the Disadvantageous Groups" held on 5 October 2015 at Public Health Institution of Turkey.

During the meeting, combating with drug abuse and awareness raising activities were discussed in the Project Fiche concerning the Project to Improve Health Literacy among the Disadvantageous Groups which will be submitted to the IPA II Term and funded by the EU. It was stated that the issue should be addressed in accordance with the objective of the project. Saying that some of the project activities were realized, the representatives of the Public Health Institution of Turkey put forth that the project text would be revised based on the current developments.
Working Visit of Technical Assistance Project for Preparation of National Strategy under Harmonization with EU Acquis in the Chapter of Right to Establish Business and Freedom of Service Provision

Within the framework of Technical Assistance Project for Preparation of National Strategy under Harmonization with EU Acquis in the Chapter of Right to Establish Business and Freedom of Service Provision which is financed by the Republic of Turkey and European Union and executed by the Ministry for EU Affairs Presidency of Economic and Financial Policies, a working visit was paid to the Netherlands on 5-6 October 2015 with the participation of stockholder institutions.

The working visit aimed to assess the practices and researches in the EU concerning the legal framework in the Netherlands of the Directive 2005/36/EC on Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications and Directive 2006/123/EC on Services, in particular the issues regarding Unique Contact Point and National Contact Point mechanisms. Representatives from Prime Ministry, Ministry for EU Affairs, Ministry of Labor and Social Security, Ministry of Economics, Ministry of Customs and Trade, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of National Education, Ministry of Development, Professional Qualification Institution, Bar Association of Turkey, TOBB, Turkish Veterinary Medical Association and Supreme Education Board as well as the GD of EU and Foreign Affairs attended the working visit.

EU Trust Fund

GD for EU and Foreign Affairs and GD of Emergency Health Services attended the meeting which was organized by the Prime Ministry on 7 October 2015 in order to discuss the EU aids to increase access of the Syrians settled in Turkey to the public services.

In the meeting, it was stated that EU would support Turkey, the hosting country, under the EU Trust Fund for the Syrian problem about which Europe and Turkey share the similar thoughts. In addition to the EU contribution of €500 million, a fund budget of around €1 billion is estimated with the contributions of the Member States and at least half of the budget would be allocated to Turkey according to statements of the EU representatives. It was agreed to establish joint technical delegations to manage the fund and perform need analysis.
Workshop to Fight with Drug

It was planned by the Ministry of Justice to deal with the Fight with Drug under the IPA II Term 2015 Program. Within this framework, the Workshop to Fight with Drug was organized by the Ministry of Justice General Directorate of European Union on 8 October 2015.

During the workshop, several presentations were made by the Ministry of Justice about the activities of the General Directorate of Laws and the probation directorates regarding the drug abuse. A representative from the Public Health Institution of Turkey delivered a presentation about the “Urgent Action Plan to Fight with Drug” executed under coordination of the Ministry of Health. Following the presentations, participants were divided into four groups: prevention, legislation, coordination and health; then, speaker of the groups made presentation about their studies in the group.

Drafting Work for the IPA/II Project of Increasing Health Literacy among Disadvantageous Groups – Tuberculosis

Representatives of the Public Health Institution of Turkey and staff of the GD for EU and Foreign Affairs took part in the “Drafting Work for the Project of Increasing Health Literacy among Disadvantageous Groups” organized on 12 October 2015 at the Public Health Institution of Turkey.

In the meeting, activities of tackling tuberculosis were addressed in the Project Fiche of the Project of Increasing Health Literacy among Disadvantageous Groups which will be submitted in the IPA II Term and funded by the EU. It was emphasized that the issue should be dealt with in compatible with the target of the project. Representatives of the Public Health Institution of Turkey stated that text of the Project would be revised based on the needs and priorities of the Training, Employment and Social Inclusion Operational Program.
Visit of the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Center in Islamic Countries (SESRIC)

A delegation from The Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Center in Islamic Countries (SESRIC) paid a working visit to the GD of EU and Foreign Affairs on 20 October 2015. During the visit, it was decided to receive support of SESRIC to increase participation in the Medicine and Medical Device Side Event which is planned to be organized during the 5th Islamic Conference of Health Ministers in Istanbul.

ECDC Assessment Report

Concerning the Assessment Visit of ECDC on 01-12 June 2015 on local and central level, a Draft Assessment Report was prepared and sent to the GD of EU and Foreign Affairs. Therefore, a meeting was organized at the GD of EU and Foreign Affairs on 26 October 2015, together with the Public Health Institution of Turkey, in order to constitute the opinion of the Ministry on this report.

The Draft Assessment Report evaluates the capacity of Turkey to fight with communicable diseases on legislation and implementation basis and consists of six chapters. During the meeting, opinions of our General Directorate and Public Health Institution of Turkey were expressed and exchange of views was ensured to constitute the opinion of the Ministry on this issue.
Foreign Mission and Passport Procedures

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Training of foreign health staff:

As of 31 October 2015 figures are as follows for Turkey;

- Number of foreign health staff (FHS) who completed training: 200 (119 D, 81 FHS)
- Number of foreign health staff with planned training: 86 (86 D)
- Number of foreign health staff with ongoing training: 29 (5 D, 12 FHS)

Total: 315 (213 D, 102 FHS)

Treatment of foreign patients:

Number of foreign patients treated in Turkey as of 31 October 2015;

- Treatment of 400 patients: 78 Patients (Basic law on healthcare services no 3339- added article 14’)
- Bilateral Agreement / Protocol: 564 Patients

Total: 642 Foreign Patients