International Bone Research Association (IBRA)
Fellowship Report: Scholarship program B December 2008 (4 weeks)
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In my 4 weeks in Ankara with Prof. Yavuzer and his colleagues in the department of Plastic Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery, my clinical fellowship working with turkish surgeons has been a great experience in my career as a maxillofacial surgeon.
First of all, I would like to address sincere thanks to Prof. Yavuzer and colleagues and of course IBRA, who made this kind of fellowship possible. It was also a great honor for me, to be the first turkish fellow in the new Training Center in Ankara.

The first days I enjoyed the friendliness of turkish people. After introducing to all members of the clinic, I started to work with my new colleagues. Daily, I was involved as second hand in different surgeries: Osteosynthesis of facial fractures (mandible and middle face fractures, fractures of the orbits, nasal bones, and fractures of the base of the cranium), tumors surgery and reconstructive procedures (free flaps, microvascular flaps, bone reconstruction), infections, Craniosynostosis, Orthognathic Surgery and Aesthetic Surgery.

One of the most important aspects of this fellowship was the ability to learn about rhinoplasty. The department of Plastic Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery in Gazi Universiy make the most rhinoplasty operations throughout turkey. That was the reason, why I was able to see a lot of different operation techniques.

Another excellent aspect of this clinical fellowship was my ability to interact actively with colleagues discussing the decision making in surgery, choice of treatment and diagnosis through 4 weeks of my stay.

The aesthetic surgery including rhinoplasty, prominent ear, blepharoplasty, facelift and browlift, was another interesting point of my fellowship.

Also, I participated in scientific and academic activities such as journal clubs (every Wednesday). These meetings were real lessons for me.

I appreciate very much the help of all administrative team from the IBRA!

Thanks a lot,

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