WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for coming. This year, we are performing **TBS-BD Preanalytical Phase Symposium** with the support of colleagues from Kayseri, at Kayseri Hilton, 28-29 April 2018.

Many important problems of preanalytical phase will be discussed at the meeting as well as education and training addressing preanalytical phase and practice at the city hospitals, the newly established big hospitals in different provinces of Turkey. The scientific program of the symposium is very rich. The most important ones will be presented by colleagues from Ministry of Health: Monitoring errors of preanalytical phase at the National Safety Reporting System, and on a MoH Project, the Project of Rational Utilisation of Medical Laboratory.

Other important topics such as effects of posture and exercise on test results, centrifugation and preanalytical errors, validation and verification of blood collection tubes, difference between serum and plasma samples, the importance of equipment and pipetting, pneumatic systems, preanalytical phase of hematology and hemostasis testing, preanalytical phase in immunochemical analyses, blood gas analysis, therapeutic drug monitoring and drugs of abuse, mass spectrometry and atomic absorption spectrometry, by competent colleagues at these areas.

There are about 150 participants from different provinces of Turkey and 30 of them are speakers. These attendants will present 70 poster and oral presentations at the meeting. All presentations will be published in the **Turkish Journal of Biochemistry**, a SCI-E indexed national laboratory journal.

We thank very much to BD and friends from BD-Turkey for their close and sincere collaboration and support. We thank also to IFCC and EFLM for their auspices. Of course, we thank very much to colleagues from Kayseri.

I wish a productive and successful symposium.

Best regards,

Dr. Doğan Yücel
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