

## **BA report about National congress in Antalya 2023**

From December 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, during the 33<sup>rd</sup> National Nephrology Nursing Congress held in Antalya, I set up a booth to introduce the European Dialysis and Transplant Nurses Association/European Renal Care Association (EDTNA/ERCA) following my selection as Turkey's representative for the new term. Numerous nurses visited my booth, where I provided information about the significance of EDTNA/ERCA in the field of nephrology, its ongoing initiatives, how to become a member, the association's website, and the services available to members upon registration.

The contents of my booth included:

- A photo memorial corner featuring the logos of EDTNA and our National Association, accompanied by the following words demonstrating the power of unity:

"Coming together is a beginning,

Staying together is progress,

Working together is a success."

- Brochures for the 52nd International Congress of the European Dialysis and Transplant Nurses Association/European Renal Care Association (EDTNA/ERCA) to be held in Athens.
- Books written by EDTNA/ERCA in English.
- Candies for my colleagues.

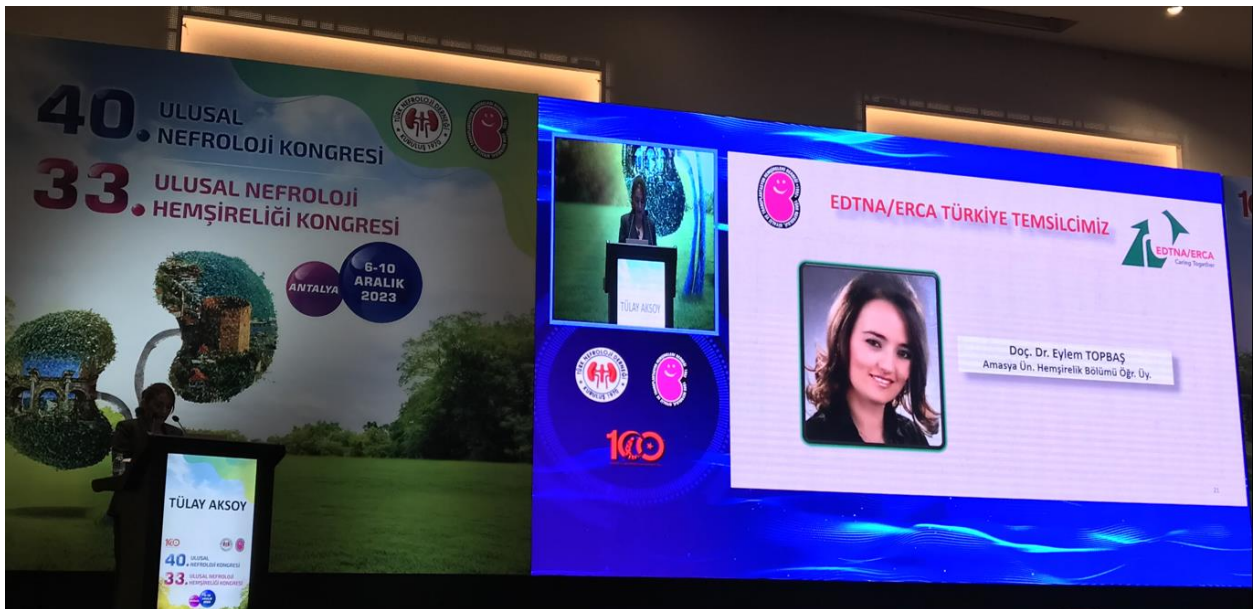
I received positive feedback from many attendees expressing satisfaction with my role as the representative and indicating their intention to participate in the next Congress. In particular, to increase the membership of the association, I conducted a survey using the "EDTNA/ERCA Member Identification Form." The respondents appreciated the survey, and they provided suggestions for its implementation among all dialysis nurses in Turkey.

A total of 200 nurses attended the congress, and the survey results were quite intriguing.

The key findings were:

- 65% of nurses were aware of EDTNA/ERCA.
- 95% were not members of EDTNA/ERCA.
- 77.8% could not attend due to the high membership fee.

- 87.5% suggested that the association's membership fee should be determined based on the exchange rates in their respective countries.
- 90.5% had not attended an EDTNA/ERCA conference before.
- 94.7% attended the congress if they found sponsors.
- 64% did not attend due to a lack of sponsors.
- 72% were unaware of EDTNA/ERCA books translated into Turkish.
- The top four books that respondents wanted to be translated into Turkish were:
  - "Supporting patients who opt not to have dialysis or stop dialysis – Guidelines for Nurses" - 47% preference.
  - "Handbook on Ultrasound for Vascular Access Examination- From the Specialist to the Nurse" - 45% preference.
  - "Managing Renal Support in times of War and Mass Disasters" - 44% preference.
  - "Diet and Nutrition in Adults with Chronic Kidney Disease" - 42% preference.



At the opening ceremony of the National Nephrology Nursing Congress, Tülay Aksoy, President of the Turkish Nephrology, Dialysis and Transplantation Nurses Association, announced to all participants that I was the Turkey representative of EDTNA / ERCA.



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