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Turkish Medicine World Congress was held in Istanbul

Turkish Medicine World Congress was held in Istanbul between the dates 29 October -2 November 2014 with the coordination of the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs. Turkish physicians living abroad, professors, health managers, researchers, health personnel, representatives from medicine and medical technology sectors and also the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology, the Ministry of Economy, the Ministry of development, authorities from TÜBİTAK (Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey), TSE (Turkish Standards Institution), TPE (Turkish Patent Institution), SGK (Social Security Institution), YÖK (Higher Education Board), successful physicians in Turkey, and academicians participated in the Congress.



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After Dr. Öner Güner, the General Director of EU and Foreign Affairs; Dr. Mehmet Müezzinoğlu, the Minister of Health; Prof. Dr. Gazi Yaşargil, world renowned Turkish scientist; and Dr. Sare Davutoğlu, spouse of Prime Minister, addressed to the participants, authorities from the Ministry of Health and other official institutions made presentations about present situation of health system and opportunities for health sector initiatives.

And then 14 working groups were formed according to different branches and specialties. These working groups held meetings about four hours the day after the main session. Each group consulted each other about what they can do in their own specialties and revealed collaboration potentials. Furthermore, they had opportunity to ask questions about the subjects they wondered to the president of working group.

You may find more about the Congress in Special Annex.



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Minister of Health of Iran and Delegations from the Ministry of Health of Iran paid a visit to Turkey (16-18 October 2014)

As a continuation of the process of intensive experience shares and collaboration Dr. Seyyid Hassan Qazizadeh Hashemi made a visit to Turkey on 16-18 October 2014 at the invitation of Dr. Mehmet Müezzinoğlu, Minister of Health.



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Before the visit of the Minister, a group of 4 Iranian representatives came to Turkey to make preparations and early negotiations on 12 October 2014 and a technical group forming of 14 personnel in charge of different departments of the Ministry of Health of Iran visited Turkey on 14-16 October 2014.

As a part of visit, General Directorate of Urgent Healthcare Services, 112 Command Control Center, General Directorate of Health Investments, public and private hospitals, Family Health Center and companies related to patients' transportation were visited. Furthermore, some presentations about performance, budget, quality, consideration of human resources were made at Turkish Institute of Public Hospitals.

On 16 October 2014, Minister Mehmet Müezzinoğlu made a bilateral discussion with Iranian Minister. After the discussion, they made a visit to SABİM (Communications Center for the Ministry of Health), Balgat Center of Oral and Dental Health. After visiting General Directorate of Health Promotion and Social Security Institution, the Iranian Minister left Turkey on 17 October 2014.



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The Minister paid an official visit to Italy (27-28 October 2014)

The Minister Dr. Mehmet Müezzinoğlu participated in “Conference of Health in Mediterranean” held in Rome on 27-28 October 2014 as Italy had Presidency of European Union. General Director Öner Güner and delegations from the general directorate accompanied the Minister at the Conference.

At the Conference, some subjects about Immigration and Health, International Health Regulations Antimicrobial Resistance and Lifestyles were discussed. The Minister addressed to the head of delegations about the subjects of Immigration and Health and Lifestyles at round-table meetings. Furthermore, as apart of visit, the Minister participated in Republic Reception of Vatican Embassy of Turkey.



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Undersecretary of MOH paid a visit to Latvia (22-23 October 2014)

During the visit by Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, Esteemed President of Turkey, to Latvia, a “Letter of Intent between the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey and the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Latvia” was signed. Prof. Dr. Eyup Gümüş, Undersecretary of MOH, signed the Letter of Intent on behalf of the Ministry of Health. Dr. Oner Guner, General Director of EU and Foreign Affairs, participated in the visit together with Mr. Eyüp Gumus.



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East Mediterranean Regional Committee Meeting

The 61st East Mediterranean Regional Committee Meeting of WHO was held on 19-22 October 2014 in Tunisia addressing the health issues of the region which was participated by 21 member states of WHO East Mediterranean Regional Committee and representatives from Palestine. Authorities from the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs of MOH participated in the meeting to which our Country was invited as observer and issues including Global Health Security, polio, health systems, preparedness in emergencies were discussed during the meeting.



The 15th Term Meeting of Turkey-Pakistan Inter-Ministerial Joint Economic Committee on Economical and Technical Cooperation

The 15th Term Meeting of Turkey-Pakistan Inter-Ministerial Joint Economic Committee on Economical and Technical Cooperation co-chaired by Mr. Idris Güllüce, Minister of Environment and Urbanization, was held on 15-16 October 2014 in Ankara. During the meeting which was also participated by the representatives of General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs, issues under the "health" title were discussed and JEC Protocol was signed.



Coordination Meeting On Fight Against Ebola Epidemic

Representatives from the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs participated in the meeting on fight against Ebola which was realized on 23 October 2014 within the coordination of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Cooperation was agreed to be realized between the Ministry of Health and Prime Ministry Disaster-Emergency Management Presidency on providing technical equipment support to Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea where epidemic is intense.



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Meeting on Syrian Crisis and Financial Aids from EU

During the Meeting on Syrian Crisis and Financial Aids from EU held by the Ministry of EU on 27 October 2014, recommendations regarding the potential financial aids from European Union for the Syrians in our country due to war were discussed. On behalf of the MOH, General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs, General Directorate of Health for Borders and Coasts, General Directorate of Emergency Health Services, Departments of Public Health Services and Strategy Development of Turkish Public Health Agency participated in the meeting.



Preliminary Meeting on Assessment Mission of European Commission

An assessment process has been conducted by European Commission through ECDC to evaluate the capacity of our country to prevent and control communicable diseases. Within the framework of this process, a Contact Meeting was held by Turkish Public Health Agency on 17 October 2014 to prepare for the mission visit by European Commission and ECDC to our country on 17-28 November 2014. General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs participated in the meeting.



European Commission Expert Group Meeting on Inequalities and Social Determinants in Health

European Commission Expert Group Meeting on Inequalities and Social Determinants in Health was held on 22 October 2014 in Luxemburg. During the meeting, current state in EU on this issue and things to do in future were discussed.



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Meeting on Follow-up Process of Communicable Disease Assessment

In order to evaluate the informations and documents demanded within the framework of process conducted by European Commission through ECDC to evaluate the capacity of our country to prevent and control communicable diseases, a meeting was held by Turkish Public Health Agency on 31 October 2014 which was participated by the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs as well.

IPA II. Term Project Subjects and SIGMA

A meeting was held on 9 October 2014 by Turkish Public Hospitals Institution to discuss IPA II. Term Project Subjects and SIGMA resources. During the meeting, draft projects planned to be conducted by Turkish Public Hospitals Institution in the 2nd Term of IPA were assessed and a briefing was presented regarding the new project period.



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Project Meeting on Supporting the Preparation of National Strategy for Alignment to Acquis in the Chapter on Right to Establish Business and Freedom of Service Delivery

During the meeting on 21 October 2014, works to be conducted within the framework of the Project prepared by the Ministry of EU as well as the scope of Chapter on Right to Establish Business and Freedom of Service Delivery was shared with the participants. In addition, ideas were exchanged on the regulations to be made regarding health professions. On behalf of the Ministry, representatives from the General Directorate of Health Services and General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs participated in the meeting.



Strategic Prioritization Meeting on UN Development Cooperation Strategy Document

Strategic Prioritization Meeting was held on 14-15 October 2014 by UN and strategic partners towards UN Development Cooperation Strategy. During the meeting which was participated by the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs as well as Turkish Public Health Agency, strategic priorities of UN bodies serving in Turkey and objectives to be attained within 5 years were determined.



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Trainings:

Trainings provided as of June 2014 by the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs are as follows:

341 Foreign Health Personnel (241 MD, 100 allied health personnel) have completed their training

5 Foreign Health Personnel (5 MD) are continuing their training

47 Foreign Health Personnel (10 MD, 37 allied health personnel) have been planned for training

Total: 393 Foreign Health Personnel (256 MD, 137 allied health personnel)

Ongoing trainings;

Date	Country	Person	Subject of Training	Venue
1 October 2014 - 31 March 2015	Palestine	1	Paediatrics	Bakırköy Sadi Konuk Training and Research Hospital
1 October 2014 – 1 October 2015	Azerbaijan	1	Cardiology	Ankara Atatürk Training and Research Hospital
25 October 2014 - 20 December 2014	Azerbaijan	1	Kidney Transplantation	Ankara Numune Training and Research Hospital
1-29 November 2014	Azerbaijan	2	Neonatology	Ankara Zekai Tahir Burak Training and Research Hospital

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