

Koşuyolu and “30 Years of Pride Story”

This light will always be on

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Our institution, changed from Koşuyolu Hospital of Asthma to Koşuyolu Cardiology and Research Hospital by Kemal Beyazit, MD on February 1985, has trained hundreds of cardiologists, cardiovascular surgeons and cardiovascular anesthesiologist within the last 30 years under leadership of Prof. Cevat Yakut, MD, who has taken over this mission since the beginning. These cardiologists, cardiovascular surgeons and cardiovascular anesthesiologist have institutionalized their own specialties in numerous universities, training and service hospitals all around Turkey and a large number of them have already advanced their academic career to the degree of being a professor. As a natural consequence of the self-generated information and knowledge, the level of experience provided, as well as glorious representa-

tive abilities of its trained staff at their new occupations, and regardless of where it is located – whether in the district it was first established and takes its name from, or in Kartal district miles away - within the last 30 years, Koşuyolu institution, with its pure Turkish four syllables name pronounced at once and meaning beyond the formal descriptive labels added to this name, has left its mark on every corner of the country, given hope of cure to the patients and become a high value training target enriching the young medical students’ dreams of specialty and academic career. Now, Koşuyolu stands as a national brand beyond its street address and its labels, and appears in various platforms of international scientific community through the reports and publications reflecting the generated informa-



A memory photograph with some faculty members and other participants at the end of the scientific session.

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The director and professors, nurses, technicians and officers from first generation who were all invited to cut a big cake with Koşuyolu logo on it.



30th Year of Pride Night.

From left to right; Prof. Mehmet Özkan, Dr. Gökhan Timuralp and our precious teacher and editor of the Anatolian Journal of Cardiology Prof. Bilgin Timuralp, the legendary president of Turkish Society of Cardiology Prof. Altan Onat, MD, our hospital's founder dear Kemal Beyazıt, MD and his honorable wife; other founders of our hospital dear Prof. Ömer Beyazıt, MD and dear Prof. Serdar Ener, MD.

tion and accumulated experience. With its high capabilities, our institution is listed among the leading reference centers in a wide range of sub-specialty and practices including all aspects of adult and pediatric interventional cardiology, neuroradiologic interventions, valvular and structural heart diseases, echocardiography and the other imaging methods, pulmonary hypertension, pulmonary embolism, pulmonary endarterectomy, heart and lung transplantation, surgery of pediatric and congenital cardiac abnormalities, assist device, ECMO and cardiovascular anesthesia. However, it is obvious that such accomplishments cannot be attributed only to a group of physicians, and we, as Koşuyolu family, could never have grown this far without the great sacrifices and the social spirit of all our nurses, allied health staff, officers and the other employees. Koşuyolu community has come this way with the priceless efforts of numerous nameless heroes; stunning examples include workman uncle Ibrahim, who willed to stay for one night at our hospital's morgue after his death, the gardener uncle Necip, who devoted himself to the soil and green due to prostatic cancer from dawn to dusk and transformed the wilderness of the garden of our



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new hospital into a piece of heaven, and finally everyone's favorite, administrative unit officer Ayşe, who has personally worked on each and every one of the certificates of specialty of hundreds' of assistants. With all of these in mind, the 30th anniversary of our institution's journey has been enthusiastically celebrated between 14-16 May 2015 with scientific programs and social organizations, performed under the title of "30 Years of Pride Story" and the mark "This light will always be on" and with substantial participation from all generations of our family. As the dates overlapped with the Week of Nursing, the first day of scientific program was dedicated to Koşuyolu Nursing Symposium, whereas the 2nd and the 3rd days had rich scientific content based on presentations given by the young academicians from Koşuyolu Adult and Pediatric Cardiology, Cardiovascular Surgery, Congenital and Pediatric Cardiac Surgery, Chest Surgery, Cardiovascular Anesthesia and Interventional Neuroradiology. The level of industrial participation was also high as expected for such a congress; there were a high number of booth spaces, all of which attracted intense attention.

Evening of the last day was celebrated as the 30th Year of Pride Night with participation of our hospital's founder dear Kemal Beyazıt, MD and his honorable wife; the legendary president of Turkish Society of Cardiology Prof. Altan Onat, MD; an old and dear friend of our hospital, our precious teacher and editor of the Anatolian Journal of Cardiology Prof. Bilgin Timuralp, MD and his honorable wife; founders of our hospital dear Prof. Ömer Beyazıt, MD and dear Prof. Serdar Ener, MD; and the former president of Turkish Society of Cardiology Prof. Oktay Ergene, MD; in addition to a large number of physicians, nurses, health technicians, allied health staff and officers of the Koşuyolu family and the esteemed managers of industry. We were able to hear the previously unknown details of our own story from the first hand while dear Kemal Beyazıt, MD spoke about the deficiencies they had struggled with and the passions they had while starting the story of Koşuyolu. Among the founders of our

institution, dear Prof. Ömer Beyazıt, MD and dear Prof. Serdar Ener, MD; dear Tuncer Koçak, MD, who is still contributing to our institution as chief in Anesthesiology and Reanimation; and dear Prof. Kaan Kirali, MD, as a member of the latter generation, all have expressed their sincere emotions and wishes. A custom design, gold badge bearing the mark "30 Years of Pride Story" was presented and pinned to the collar of Dear Kemal Beyazıt's jacket by Prof. Ömer Beyazıt. Along with its touching background music, detailed photographic presentation of dear Prof. Mehmet Özkan, MD, which has now become one of the classics of Koşuyolu celebrations, has once again provided a mirror to let us live the 30 years old story of Koşuyolu family and meet our individual histories coinciding with different aspects of this story. This hallway of memories, including our friends some of

which are not with us anymore, left the most of us with an urge to cry and in a heavy silence. The blues were later replaced by absolute joy, when our Hospital director, the founding physicians, nurses, technicians and officers were all invited to the stage to cut a big cake with Koşuyolu logo on it, along with a simultaneous display of fireworks. The first slice of the cake was, as expected, offered to Dr. Kemal Beyazıt, who has promised to meet us also at the 50th year of pride.

In conclusion, "30 Years of Pride Story" of the Koşuyolu family was celebrated as a very special anniversary, highlighting the willingness and determination of the new generations to contribute and achieve even higher targets enlightened by those who have joined their forces continue to write this story.