

Excellence, Mr. Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey **Mr. Karslioglu**

Dear **Professor Sait Ada** President of the Turkish Society for Orthopaedics and Traumatology

Dear **presidents and representatives** of national and international associations

Ladies and Gentlemen

Dear Colleagues und guests

With great pleasure and on behalf of the German Association for Orthopaedics and Traumatology I welcome you all here in this wonderful building of the Embassy of the Republic of Turkey.

We are very grateful to his Excellence the Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey Mr. Karslioglu for his kind words and for hosting this event tonight.

And of course many thanks to all staff members of the Embassy who were busy helping us for our international reception at the DKOU 2015.

Germany is among the most important business partners of Turkey and increasing numbers of Turkish and German companies establish their business here and in Turkey. The most recent refugy problem raised another need to cooperate.

It is my great pleasure today to participate and contribute to foster the cooperation between TOTBID and DGOU, both in education and research.

Tolerance and a wider knowledge in cultural diversity will contribute to a more peaceful world and **the need for this** gets more important **day by day** as we all realise watching the news!

Care for people in need has always been the driving force for physicians and nurses, today the need is even increasing and we might also succeed in building up cooperations for shelter and rescue programs.

The architecture of this building symbolises the European and Asian part of turkey bridging the Bosporus.

Let us build up bridges between the Turkish and German Associations for Orthopaedics and Traumatology and between our cultures, bases on tolerance and fairness with open-minded attitudes to make mutual use of scientific and clinical achievements in both countries.

This will help and even increase the help for our patients.

Therefore and based on longstanding friendship with many colleagues in Turkey I am proud to sign the Berlin Declaration today!

Thank You for your kind attention!

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