



## **ESGO Traveling Fellowship Fellows Report**

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Position at Home Institution: Gynecologic oncology fellow in third year

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**Dates of Fellowship:** 01 December 2016 – 27 January 2017

**Detailed description on Teaching received:** I thank to Prof. Sehouli and Dr. Muallem as being very kind and helpful for accepting me as a guest doctor for two months and also I am grateful to ESGO for the granting that helped me economically during my stay in Berlin. From the first day of my visit, I have attended morning rounds starting at 7.30, where the cases in inpatient clinic, patients in night shifts and the cases that will be operated the same day are discussed. The discussions were in German, but there was always someone to ask the points that I have missed.

Charité is one of the leading centers in Europe for radical surgery especially for ovarian cancer. Nearly every day, there was an oncological surgery, mostly ovarian cancer surgeries for both primary and recurrent disease, which I was interested indeed. I have attended the most of the cases – that there were sometimes two cases a day at the same time- and it was a remarkable experience to participate in those state-of-art surgeries. Especially Prof. Sehouli, Dr. Muallem and Dr. Chekerov had always time for discussing me the patients, why and which treatment modalities are chosen for a specific patient and the surgical approach they use. Especially their

great skill in using bipolar scissors was a great experience that I will benefit in my future surgeries. Active participation in surgeries was a unique experience and helped me to obtain the skills that will be very useful for my future patient care. The extraperitoneal approach of Dr. Muallem for ovarian cancer and also his great skill in laparoscopic surgery were of the top achievements of my visit in Berlin. Also I had chance to discuss with general surgeons about the complicated cases, anesthesiologists for patients with morbidities and their strategies especially maintaining steep Trendelenburg position for obese patients and techniques they use for monitoring patients.

I also have attended outpatient visits and it was better to witness to the postoperative follow-up of the patients that I have attended the surgeries. And I am grateful again to Dr. Chekerov and Dr. Muallem for spending their time to discuss the patients with me.

**Goals accomplished :**

1. Assisting in radical oncological procedures, deep endometriosis surgery and some other benign surgeries.
2. Improved skills of using surgical instruments such as bipolar scissors.
3. Improved skills in laparoscopic surgery, especially radical lymphadenectomy.
4. Better understanding of surgical anatomy and vessel variations.
5. Better understanding for the necessity of enrollment in clinical trials.

**Achievement in clinical practice:**

1. Postoperative follow-up of complicated cancer cases.
2. Extension of the borders of the concept of cytoreductive surgery for ovarian cancer.
3. Better communication with patients and modifying surgery in respect of their demands.

**Presentations eg. at seminar or meetings:** None

**Research performed and outcome:** None

**Publications:**None

**Problems encountered with a critical evaluation of the fellowship experience as a whole:**None

**Future plan on returning to home:** I am now in the third and the last year of the three years gynecologic oncology sub-specialization program of Turkey. After a few months, I will start my compulsory service for about two years as a consultant in Turkey. The experience in Charité with the help of ESGO will be very helpful for my recently started career in gynecologic oncology and for the patients that I will help in the future.

**Overall evaluation and comment of the fellowship:**

This visit was one of the best professional experiences I have ever had. Spending two months in one of the leading gyn-oncology centers in Europe has definitely broadened my scope and will help me in my future career in gyn-oncology.

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Applicant's name (in capital letters): BURAK TATAR

Signature:

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