

biography

Öztekin Oto

President, Heart and Health Foundation of Turkey



Professional Experience

- DOKUZ EYLUL UNIVERSITY - Izmir, Turkey
Professor of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, 1995 - Present
Associate Professor of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, 1989 – 1995
Founding Chairman of Department of Cardiovascular Surgery, 1989 - 2002
Director of Transplantation Institute (2011 - 2013) | Dokuz Eylul University - Izmir, Turkey
House Surgeon (1986) | St. Thomas Hospital - London, UK
Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery Fellow (1980 - 1986) | Hacettepe University - Ankara, Turkey

Association and Board Experience

HEART AND HEALTH FOUNDATION OF TURKEY - Izmir, Turkey

President, 2004– Present

Co-directed annual International Congress of Update in Cardiology and Cardiovascular Surgery (UCCVS) in Turkey; held multiple leadership positions including Chair of Board of Directors meetings.

EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF CARDIOVASCULAR SURGERY - Zurich, CH

President, 2014 - 2016

Orchestrated and executed annual ECSVS Congress to advance organizational mission and foster partnerships across global regions. Chaired Executive Committee meetings and Junior Committee; delegated assignments to ensure successful completion of all projects. Coordinated summer school initiative to enhance medical student learning and performance of complex operations.

Additional Association Experience:

President (2005 - 2022) | International Congress of Update in Cardiology and Cardiovascular Surgery

President (2009) | European Society of Cardiovascular Surgery Congress in Izmir

Treasurer of Grown-Up Congenital Heart (GUCH) Group (2004 - 2006) | European Society of Cardiology

President of Winter Workshop (2005) | ICMICS

Chairman, Working Group on Cardiovascular Surgery (2002 - 2004) | European Society of Cardiology

Vice President, Working Group of Cardiovascular Surgery (1998 - 2002) | European Society of Cardiology

Founder and President (1995) | National Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery Association, Izmir Branch

Education and Credentials

Doctor of Medicine

Hacettepe University, School of Medicine – Ankara, Turkey

Specialized Training in Cardiovascular Surgery (Clinical Directors: Prof. Dr. Aydın Aytac and Prof. Dr. Yüksel Bozer)

Certifications

Ministry of Health of Turkey Pediatric Cardiac Surgery Certificate

Deutsches Goethe Institute German Language Certificate

Professional Affiliations

Fellow - European Society of Cardiology (FESC)

Fellow - American College of Cardiology (FACC)

Full Member - Turkish Academy of Medicine

Member - National Society of Vascular and Cardiovascular Surgery

Member - European Organ Transplant Association

Member - European Society of Vascular Surgery

Member - Vascular Surgery Association

Member - European Association of Cardiothoracic Surgeon (EACTS)

Member - Turkish Society of Cardiology

Member - Society of European Transplantation

Board Member - Association of Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery in the Akdeniz Countries

Board Member - Mediterranean Society of Cardiology and Cardiovascular Surgery

Past Board Member - Pediatric Cardiology Society

Editor - Heart Surgery Forum

Editor - Innovations

Editor - E-Journal of Cardiovascular Medicine

Program Committee Member - European Society of Cardiology Congresses

Program Committee Member - International Society of Minimally Invasive Cardiothoracic Surgery Congresses

Program Committee Member - World Heart Federation Congresses

Program Committee Member - European Society of Cardiovascular Surgery Congresses

Program Committee Member - Update in Cardiology and Cardiovascular Surgery Congresses

Honors and Awards

Best Innovative Surgeon Award - Euro-Asian Bridge Meeting