"Polyamines: Biological and Clinical Perspective Istanbul Kultur University, Istanbul (Turkey), September 2nd to 7th, 2012.

A brief Scientific / Photographic Report kindly sent us by Prof. Enzo Agostinelli

The Conference titled "Polyamines: Biological and Clinical Perspective" was held at Istanbul Kultur University, Istanbul (Turkey), on September 2nd to 7th, 2012. It was organized by Prof. Dr. Narcin Palavan-Unsal from Istanbul Kultur University (Turkey) and Prof. Dr. Enzo Agostinelli from La Sapienza University of Rome (Italy), the congress chairs.

The scientific program was supported by authoritative scientists, both senior experts and enthusiastic newcomers, from 18 different countries. It has included Honorary Lectures, Plenary Lectures, talks and shorter oral poster communications, as well as sessions with poster exhibition spanning several research areas in polyamines and transglutaminases.

The aim of the Congress was to create many successful co-operations as to give ample opportunities for face to face assessment and discussions on the important undertakings planned.

One of the Honorary Lecturers "Polyamine research: past, present and future", was delivered by Prof. Uriel Bachrach from Hebrew University (Israel).

The second Honorary lecturer was held by Prof. Oshima from Institute of Environmental Microbiology (Japan). His speech title was: "Unique polyamine

metabolisms in an extreme thermophile, *Thermus thermophilus*". Prof. Oshima has also presented "The Concluding Remarks", at the end of the Conference.

Opening Plenary Lectures were given by Prof. Robert Casero from the John Hopkins University, USA on "Polyamine catabolism in inflammation associated carcinogenesis: a possible epigenetic link" and by Prof. Enzo Agostinelli from Rome, Italy on "Endocannabinoids alone and in association with enzymatic spermine metabolites as a new anticancer strategy".

Attendees had a memorable time during the social program of the Conference. Istanbul is extraordinarily rich in history and nature Culture and boat tours on Bosphorus and gala dinner were unforgettable.

Enclosed below please find some Photos

from the Conference sent from Prof. Agostinelli

















Many thanks to Prof. Agostinelli from the WHAT's Community