



## **16.EBTA 2024 International Congress final report**

The 16th EBTA congress was held at the Topkapı campus congress center of İstinye University between September 16-21, 2024 with the support of İstinye University-Istanbul and the cooperation of the Bobath Therapists Association (BTD) and the European Bobath Tutors Association (EBTA).

This congress, which is organized by the European Bobath Tutors Association (EBTA) in European countries every two years, was hosted by the Bobath Therapists Association (Turkiye) (BTD) and was held at İstinye University between September 16-21, 2024, Istanbul, Turkiye.

The main theme of our congress is "Clinical Reasoning into Action". In this congress, approximately 220 international and national speakers and participants from 20 different countries including our country and 30 oral and poster presentations followed the extraordinary line of EBTA biennial meetings, sharing experiences among all Bobath therapists, professionals, children and their families, and exchanging scientific and clinical ideas. The organization and international and national scientific board took an active role in promoting interactions and providing an excellent opportunity.

EBTA is a network of national Bobath tutors' teams consisting of more than 250 Bobath Tutors throughout Europe. EBTA exists to define, maintain and update the standards of Pediatric Bobath training developed by Dr. Karel Bobath and Mrs. Berta Bobath throughout Europe. In addition,

EBTA has the authority to promote and implement therapy research, especially in Cerebral Palsy, and to encourage EBTA trainers to help in all countries.

BTD was founded in 2013 and represents 370 Bobath therapists who have completed international training affiliated with EBTA and provide services in the rehabilitation of children in our country. BTD works to implement the "BOBATH" concept in the rehabilitation of infants at risk of cerebral palsy, children with cerebral palsy and children with similar neurodevelopmental problems in our country, to reach families and children, to establish collaborations with specialist physicians and other pediatric habilitation teams and to support the training of therapists.

The Pediatric Bobath Concept offers an individualized holistic rehabilitation for the observation, analysis and treatment of children with Cerebral Palsy and related neurodevelopmental disorders, provided by physiotherapists, occupational therapists and dental and speech therapists in collaboration with medical doctors. The Pediatric Bobath Concept focuses on maximizing the potential of children with Cerebral Palsy and neurodevelopmental/neurological disorders in their schools or social environments through clinical reasoning, in collaboration with their families.

Within the scope of our congress, pre-congress orthosis clinical decision making and senior trainer workshops were held on September 16-18, 2024. We would like to thank our trainers in these workshops and courses.

On behalf of the board members of the Bobath Therapists Association (Turkey) (BTD);

EBTA, Istinye University Faculty of Health Sciences, Hacettepe University Faculty of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation, primarily; We would like to express our endless gratitude to the Turkish Physiotherapists Association, Children's Physiotherapists Association, our speakers, trainers, national and international scientific and organizing committee members, young researchers who made oral and poster presentations, participants and our sponsors Can Erdem, Liw Care, Proklinik and Rota Protez orthosis companies, Diamed organization company that organized our congress, TSCV and SERÇEV that supported us and families...

Respectfully yours

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