



ESGO 2023 PRESS RELEASE

We are thrilled to announce that the **24th Congress of the European Society of Gynaecological Oncology** (ESGO 2023) is coming back to Istanbul! From September 28th to October 1st, the Istanbul Congress Centre will become an international stage for the latest developments in Gynaecological Oncology.

ESGO last hosted a congress in Istanbul 18 years ago, we are honoured to be back and excited to see how the city has changed! By choosing this location ESGO 2023 promises an exceptional experience for delegates and experts alike.



"I am delighted to announce that our highly anticipated annual congress will be held in Istanbul, the city where East meets West, reflecting our motto 'Bridging continents in gynaecological oncology' and providing a platform to raise public awareness of gynaecological cancer."

Prof. Nicole Concin, ESGO President

ESGO 2023 will showcase the cutting edge of science and practice in the field of gynaecological cancer. We have prepared comprehensive summaries from world renowned speakers while offering our guidelines, discussions, debates, and workshops to provide maximum value to our attendees and elevate our collective expertise to new heights. Under the motto ***Bridging the continents in gynaecological cancer***, we have designed a captivating programme that combines up-to-the-minute topics with a special call to colleagues working in countries with limited resources.

We expect the participation of over 2200 delegates from more than 90 countries at this point and believe we are creating a truly diverse and dynamic gathering. Experts from the fields of gynaecological surgery, medical / radiation oncology, pathology, general gynaecology and more will be present during this 4-day congress.

Prof. Dr. Ali Ayhan, President of the Turkish Society of Gynecological Oncology - TRSGO (Türk Jinekolojik Onkoloji Derneği) has been appointed the Congress President.

In a heartfelt display of solidarity, ESGO has joined hands with the **Ahbab Association** to provide support to Turkish regions impacted by the devastating earthquake in February 2023. A donation of 5,000 € has been pledged, aimed at aiding the affected communities. As a gesture of further support, ESGO is also offering discounted registration fees for doctors from these regions, to facilitate their participation and provide value to their communities.

ESGO is leading the way since 1983, when the European Society of Gynaecological Oncology (ESGO) was founded. We will celebrate the **40th anniversary** of our society in Istanbul together with all past living presidents. For all those decades, we are dedicated to promoting the highest quality of treatment and preventive care for women with gynaecological cancers. Through **prevention, research, excellent care, and education**, we strive to improve the health and well-being of women worldwide.





"ESGO 2023 is dedicated to elevating the importance of gynaecological cancer prevention and early detection, leaving an indelible mark on the public consciousness. By shedding light on these crucial topics, we aim to inspire communities to take action and foster a shared commitment to ensuring women's well-being."

Dr. Mansoor Raza Mirza, ESGO Vice-President

ESGO AWARENESS ACTIVITIES

We firmly believe in empowering communities and raising awareness on prevention, early detection, and healthy lifestyles. Activities like the **ESGO Awareness Run**, in collaboration with the Walk for Health, will guide participants through the Macka Park with the goal of promoting early detection of gynaecological cancers and ongoing HPV vaccination programs while encouraging a healthy lifestyle.

We would like to personally thank Mr. Ekrem Imamoglu, the Mayor of Istanbul, for giving his permission and invaluable support in making ESGO 2023 Congress a resounding success.

The **ENGAGE Patient Advocacy Seminar** has become an integral part of the ESGO congresses and will celebrate its 11th anniversary this year. This seminar provides a platform for patient group leaders to exchange knowledge, foster collaborations, and empower themselves with information to tackle challenges back home.

Our **Prevention Committee**, led by Dr. Murat Gültekin (Hacettepe University Faculty of Medicine, Department of Gynecological Oncology, Ankara), plays a crucial role in our mission to advance gynaecological cancer prevention and care. Collaborating with various stakeholders, we strive to contribute to cervical cancer elimination in Europe and reduce mortality among gynaecological cancer patients.

The Prevention Committee goals are:

- Promoting **Scientific Advancement** by facilitating systematic research, issuing scientific publications, and disseminating findings in the prevention and treatment of pre-invasive diseases.
- **Empowering Advocacy and Awareness** by raising public and governmental awareness about gynaecological cancer, its prevention and treatment through the ENGAGE initiative. By advocating for informed decision-making and early detection, we aim to equip individuals with the tools to take charge of their health.
- Forging **Collaborative Partnerships** by working with professional societies, patient advocacy organizations, policymakers, and other stakeholders to drive forward the cause of gynaecological cancer prevention and care.
- Contributing to **Cervical Cancer Elimination** by aligning our mission with the WHO elimination program for cervical cancer by 2030 and the EU's Beat the Cancer plan. Our vision is to pave the way towards a future free of this preventable disease.

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