



**10 April 2019**

**Dear Presidents of the National Sections,**

I have the honour to invite you to the 22nd Balkan Medical Days which will take place on **26-29 September 2019** in North Cyprus. This is a first for the Cyprus Section of Balkan Medical Union and we would like to make this congress a regional scientific event. The main theme of the congress is

**“Healthy Living”** and this will be discussed and highlighted by different medical disciplines. **“Historical Aspects of Medicine and Healthy Living”** is also a secondary theme.

The registration will be free and the abstracts should be sent via mail to [ctabmu@gmail.com](mailto:ctabmu@gmail.com) or from the web site of the national section [www.ctabmu.com](http://www.ctabmu.com).

The deadline for abstract sending is **01 July 2019**.

The venue of the congress is **Malpas Hotel located in Kyrenia, North Cyprus** which is on the North coast.

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Cyprus.

Best Regards

Prof Hasan Besim MD

President of the Cyprus Turkish Association of BMU

\*Please check the other page for transfer information.

## How can I Reach North Cyprus?

The airline gateway to North Cyprus is the *Ercan International Airport (ECN)* located about 13km east of North Nicosia, TRNC.

### \* International Flights have TRANSFERS from Turkey:

- Istanbul Atatürk (IST)
- Istanbul Sabiha Gökçen (SAW)
- Istanbul Airport (ISL)\*

\*(newly built and will become the main international airport serving Istanbul. Atatürk Airport is closed down for scheduled passenger flights on April 6, 2019 and service is transferred to Istanbul Airport on April 6, 2019. The IATA Code **IST** will be transferred to the new airport)

### There are direct flights from many airports:

- Ankara Esenboğa (ESB)
- Izmir Adnan Menderes (ADB)
- Adana Şakirpaşa (ADA)
- Antalya (AYT)
- Hatay (HTY)
- Gaziantep (GZT)

Cyprus Ercan Airport is approximately 30 minutes car-ride from Nicosia city center and 35-40 minutes to Kyrenia.

- Turkish Airlines THY and Pegasus Airlines provides international connections to Ercan Airport via Istanbul Ataturk (IST), Sabiha Gökçen (SAW) Airport.

*Larnaca International Airport (LCA)* in Republic of Cyprus (South Cyprus) is the interational hub for schedule and charter flights from many european airports. Those visiting Northern Cyprus, if they want to come via South, generally land at Larnaca and pass to North from the many border crossing points.

If you hold a non-European or non-Commonwealth passport and are coming to North Cyprus, you will need a **Schengen visa** to enter via Larnaca. In this case, **it may be easier to arrive via Ercan airport in the North**. There are no advance visa requirements for any visitor to Northern Cyprus and a standard 90 day visa is issued to all nationalities at the border or at Ercan Airport.