## FULBRIGHT TEACHING AWARD 2002-2007 Taking it to the next level

This is to report on the Fulbright Teaching award 2002 for Turkey through which a 4- month teaching program at Ege University Medical College, Izmir, Turkey was implemented. This was a medical and public health educational and academic program geared towards medical students and trainees. As a second step, the Fulbright Program approved my Fulbright Alumni Initiative Award application which designed for and enabled a four member faculty exchange between Louisiana State School of Medicine Section of Pulmonary /Critical Care Medicine in New Orleans and Ege University School of Medicine, Chest Department, Izmir, Turkey. This exchange enabled further institutional and faculty collaboration in developing joint academic programs. Besides cementing professional ties, this has lead to enhanced goodwill between the institutions. It has also enabled the approval of the Rector/Chancellor of both institutions to explore joint institutional exchange programs in this field at the graduate and post graduate trainee level.

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