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Dear Sir,

Re: Fulbright Alumni Award exchange visit to LSU DOM, LSUHSC, New Orleans, October 2007

Under the auspices of the LSUHSC - Ege University academic exchange program 2007, I attended the section of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, LSU DOM, LSUHSC, New Orleans, LA USA for a clinical observership from October 12 through October 28 2007. My departmental colleague, Dr. Feza Bacakoglu, attended for the same period to gain experience in Intensive Care.

It was a beneficial experience for the academicians of both faculties. We brought our clinical knowledge and expertise from our institution (Ege University). I gave two lectures, the first to the residents session at LSUHSC (the topic being 'An Overview of Diffuse Interstitial Lung Disease') and the second in the pulmonary section of the academic program (sharing bronchoscopy experience at Ege University by showing case presentations and video images).

For our part, this invitational observership provided us with exposure to the style, practice and techniques of Pulmonary / Critical Care Medicine in the USA. It also gave us an opportunity to interact with the many faculty members in the section there who are experts in the various aspects of Pulmonary / CC Medicine. We had many occasions to attend pulmonary and ICU rounds with the pulmonary team and had a opportunity to attend the Ochsner PHTN clinic,

research seminar, radiology conferences and other activities with various academics. Through 20 to 25 October, we were at the ACCP meeting in Chicago along with some of the academicians from LSUHSC.

We do appreciate the warmest welcome and hospitality to which we we were treated in the course of our stay in New Orleans. It is our hope that professional and personal collaboration will have been enhanced between the faculty of Ege University and LSUHSC / LSU School of Medicine through this visit. This visit was initiated by the Fulbright Turkey Award of 2002 and will be further cemented by collaboration planned in the coming academic years between other faculty members of our two sister institutions.

Yours sincerely,

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