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Dear Arzu

**Re: 16<sup>th</sup> World Congress – Istanbul – 2023**

I write on behalf of the WFICC Executive Committee and Council to express our sincere appreciation to you and your organising colleagues for hosting a successful World Congress in Istanbul. When you and your team were handed the enormous challenge of hosting the first post-pandemic Congress, you responded. You responded in terms of diversity and inclusivity, you responded in terms of the quality of the scientific program and you responded by delivering a profitable event. WFICC Council members have particularly asked me to thank you for extending such a warm welcome to them and for your generous hospitality during their visit to Turkiye.

Thank you also for providing a comprehensive and informative Final Report and for sharing some of the experience and learning you acquired during the planning and hosting of the World Congress. You have identified some important lessons for the WFICC and future host societies to learn. These lessons are a vitally important legacy from the 16<sup>th</sup> World Congress and will hopefully make a significant contribution to the success of future World Congress. As an initial action, the report will be shared with the Local Organising Committee for the 17<sup>th</sup> World Congress in Vancouver in 2025.

I recall the sense of excitement and anticipation when the Society of Turkish Intensivists (formerly the TSMSICM) were awarded the World Congress during the 13<sup>th</sup> World Congress in Rio de Janeiro in 2017. The reality that you delivered in 2023 has fulfilled all the expectations you established in 2017. Congratulations to you and your team.

With my kind regards and best wishes,

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