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Bulent Yildiz earned his medical degree from Hacettepe University School of Medicine, and completed his residency in Internal Medicine, and a fellowship in Endocrinology and Metabolism at the same institution. He was a postdoctoral scholar at the Center for Pharmacogenomics and Interdepartmental Clinical harmacology Center, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, Los Angeles, California, where he also completed a ational Institutes of Health training program in translational investigation.

He is currently Professor of Medicine / Endocrinology and Metabolism at Hacettepe University School of Medicine, Ankara, Turkey. As a physician-scientist-educator, he took several roles in international higher education, research and academic health. His clinical and research interests involve obesity, diabetes and androgen excess disorders in women including polycystic ovary syndrome. He has published over 130 original articles, reviews and book chapters, and delivered several presentations, lectures and conferences worldwide. He is ranked in top 1% of science-wide author database by Elsevier/Scopus and Stanford University.

Dr. Yildiz was the inaugural associate editor of The Journal of Endocrine Society. He served as an editorial board member of Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism among several other highly ranked scientific journals. He was Executive Committee Member and Treasurer of the European Society of Endocrinology, Board Member of Androgen Excess and PCOS Society and the General Secretary of the Society of Endocrinology and Metabolism of Turkey. He chaired the 19th European Congress of Endocrinology (ECE2017), co-chaired the annual meetings of the Endocrine Society (ENDO2021 and ENDO2022). He

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Dr. Yildiz is the founder and president of the EndoBridge[®], a unique international educational initiative supported by Endocrine Society and the European Society of Endocrinology (www.endobridge.org). With the vision of bridging the world of endocrinology, EndoBridge Annual Meetings brought together more than 6500 physicians and scientists from over 95 countries in 10 years and opened up several opportunities for international exchange collaborations. American Thyroid Association, Pediatric Endocrine Society, European Association for the Study of Obesity and Society of Endocrinology and Metabolism of Brasil have joined the initiative as program partners.

Awards of Dr. Yildiz include the Distinguished Young Scientist Award from Hacettepe University and the Turkish Academy of Sciences, the Young Scientist Award of The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey, Special Recognition Award by the European Society of Endocrinology, Walter Futterweit Clinical Research Excellence Award by AE-PCOS Society and the Eisenhower Fellowship for international leadership from The Eisenhower Foundation of the United States. Fellowship of Dr. Yildiz focuses on the academia-governmentindustry relations on research, public policy and healthcare delivery for the prevention and management of chronic diseases, specifically diabetes and obesity.