

**The Sports Law Symposium on “The Truth About Doping in Turkey”**

*Istanbul. DAV-Turkey announced, that they have organized a symposium on “The Truth About Doping in Turkey” on the 8th of November, 2014 with the attendance and support of the president of DAV-Turkey Sports Law Study Team Av. Dr. Levent Bıçakçı, the Turkish National Olympics Committee, Kadir Has University and Deutscher AnwaltVerein (DAV) at the Kadir Has University campus. They also noted that two honorable lawyers from the DAV Sports Law Study Team had joined the symposium as well as various members from the Turkish sport society including the Commissions Against Doping, distinguished lawyers, sports authors, sports show presenters who participated as speakers.*

The organization was carried out for three sittings. The first sitting comprised of statistical data demonstrating the remarkably high speed of Turkey’s adaptation to the world standards in terms of fighting against the use of doping in sports. Prof. Dr. Rüştü Güner, the General Coordinator of the Commission Against Doping under the Turkish National Olympics Committee, and Assistant Professor Dr. Ilker Yücesir from the Committee Against Doping under the Turkish Football Federation enlightened the attendants on the recent developments regarding the fight against Doping in Turkey.



During “The German Doping Control System” themed second sitting Rain. Av. Handan Ilhan, the President of DAV-Turkey, moderated a presentation by Prof. Dr. Jacob-Milicia who is a member of both DAV Sports Law Study Group Executive Board and the Law Commission under the German Olympics Committee, concerning the fight against doping in Germany. Milicia informed the participants in depth on the German Doping Control System and the work of the German Anti- Doping Agency (NADA). On the other hand, DAV Sports Law Study Group Executive Board member and sports lawyer, former 400 m Germany champion RA Dr. Figura took a different approach and examined the situation within the frames of the right to freedom and the need to prohibit. Dr. Figura elaborated on the Anti-Doping system by providing various examples from different sports branches and passed on the disputes regarding the Anti-Doping draft law in Germany. In addition, the speakers argued that a legal regulation is not necessarily essential and would cause problems in practice due to its wide range in content.



On the final sitting, writers and presenters from the Turkish sport society had a debate on “The Truth About Doping in Turkey” under the moderation of Eurosport Turkey football commentator Bağış Erten. Lastly, Milliyet Newspaper columnist Attila Gökçe, NTV Sports commentator and writer Mert Aydın and Habertürk Newspaper sports journalist Murat Ağca discussed the effects of news regarding doping on press and how they should be contributing to the sports society.



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