

FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Acta Orthopaedica et Traumatologica Turcica readers,

As we leave 2011 behind us, we bring you this sixth issue of the year. 2012 is of significant importance to us as it marks the 50th anniversary of our journal.

Prof. Dr. Kut Sarpyener spoke about the first days of our establishment during the AOTT session at the 22nd National Turkish Orthopaedics and Traumatology Congress. "I was a fresh assistant then. One day, our senior, Hüsametdin Altav called me over to say that we would be going to the Head of the Orthopedics and Traumatology Department at the Istanbul University Faculty of Medicine to start a new journal. When told about our new venture, my teacher Prof. Dr. Ahmet Münir Sarpyener, who also happened to be my father, commented that it would be almost impossible to start such a journal. Yet, we did not give up and Hüsametdin Altav himself paid for the first issues of the journal."

Through the efforts of a number of ambitious seniors in our department, our journey has turned into an internationally respected journal. I extend gratitude to all the editors who have served with us until now, Hüsametdin Altav, Mişel Kokino, Alp Göksan, Orhan Başkır, Ayhan Arıtamur, Fahri Seyhan, Ünal Kuzgun, as well as our publication board, who has shown great collaboration. Their efforts and foresight have made this journal what it is today.

Our journal reaches readers bi-monthly in its official publication language English as well as in Turkish, and is listed on internationally renowned indexes such as PubMed and SCI-E. Full-text access to the past 50 years of articles is available on our web site. I firmly believe that our journal will soon turn into a prominent resource on an international scale, with its impact factor increasing rapidly. Our efforts so far promise us a bright future. 50 years of history is not a common incidence but a privilege for a publication. Acta Orthopaedica et Traumatologica Turcica is now an institutionalized journal. Owned by the Turkish Association of Orthopaedics and Traumatology (TOTDER; Istanbul, 1939), our journal has been the official publication of the Turkish Society of Orthopaedics and Traumatology (TOTBID) for the last 10 years. We can all take pride that our international journal is supported by these two great institutions.

We have planned a range of activities to mark our 50th anniversary, including a special 50th Year Supplement. In addition, we hope to meet our readers at the AOTT 50th Year Sessions, which will take place during this year's TOTDER and TOTBID conventions. As an international journal we will also contribute to the TOTBID booth at the EFORT Congress in Berlin. Other activities will be announced in the future.

What began at a clinic 50 years ago has developed into Turkey's most important Orthopaedics and Traumatology journal and an internationally recognized publication that we can all call our own. The contributions of our readers, contributors, review board, technical staff, publisher, and associate editors in this progress cannot be denied.

I wish you and future generations 50 more years to come.

Happy birthday to Acta Orthopaedica et Traumatologica Turcica!

I wish the whole Orthopaedics and Traumatology family a healthy and joyful 2012!

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