

FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Acta Orthopaedica et Traumatologica Turcica readers,

We are pleased to present the last issue of 2012. In this issue, you will have the chance to read remarkable and scientifically interesting studies. It is evident that the number of foreign submissions to our journal are ever increasing. Publishing these submissions require an arduous process including a detailed and meticulous editorial review. Citations to the articles in our journal are proofs of the scientific quality of these studies.

In the previous issue, I asked for your valuable feedback about the publication of the Turkish version of our English-language journal. I thank you all who shared their views with us. Continuing publishing an identical Turkish copy of our journal was largely preferred. As this requires an additional editorial work and causes delays in our publishing schedule, we will be taking extra measures to speed up the process and continue with the same publishing options, in line with the requests of the majority of our readers.

As you know, AOTT has been indexed on PubMed for over 10 years and on SCI-E over 5. I would like to present our esteemed readers with a different frame of reference; the last 5 year's worldwide access statistics of our journal which can be downloaded in both English and Turkish language.

Between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2012, our journal's website was accessed 673,986 times in total. Distribution of the top 10 countries is as follows; 372,416 entries from Turkey, 76,614 from the USA, 18,866 from Great Britain, 14,608 from China, 14,454 from India, 9,415 from South Korea, 9,369 from Brazil, 9,188 from Japan, 8,989 from Spain, and 8,902. This statistics file can be accessed for your review at <http://www.aott.org.tr/index.php/aott/article/view/6006/3328>. These rankings indicate the great interest to our journal, mainly from the USA followed by the Far East, India and European countries.

As we enter a new year, I would like to assure you that AOTT will do its best to deserve this global recognition. In achieving this, we would truly appreciate the support of our esteemed readers and remarkable authors who share their studies with us.

Along with the entire editorial board and technical staff, I wish you a healthy, happy and prosperous new year.

Prof. Mehmet Demirhan, MD

AOTT Editor-in-Chief