

FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Acta Orthopaedica et Traumatologica Turcica readers,

We are pleased to present you with our first issue of 2015 and bring you several new features in this new year. Thanks to our journal's increasing impact factor and international recognition, we plan to enrich our board with experts in their own fields who will collaborate with our associate editors in the editing process. These experts shall contribute to the editorial process with the same authority with our editors and delegate submissions to the reviewers and contribute their opinions as section editors. In the first stage, I would like to welcome Gregory J. Della Rocca (USA), Enrique Gómez-Barrena (Spain), Stephanie Böhm (Sweden) John Gliatis (Greece), and Philip Sell (UK) to our editorial board and thank them for accepting this mission. We hope to see the addition of experts to our editorial team continue in the future.

Within the context of this new organization, reviews will be performed in English, the official language of our journal. I am confident that our esteemed reviewers will pay the utmost attention toward the matter. Likewise, it is also our wish that the submissions will be of the same quality. Thus, the reviewing process will be finalized in a much shorter time. In addition, considering that half of our articles are submitted by foreign authors, we believe this new organization will contribute to the review process.

In this issue, we share with you a list of our foreign reviewers who have had an active review process in the past term. Our goal is to enhance this list with new names each passing year. In addition, as you all know, we also publish a thank you letter in the sixth issue of each year to our local reviewers who contribute to the journal.

Moreover, with this issue, we have begun to implement the ahead of print system, which enables the issuance of a DOI number for an article through the submission of its abstract alone before publication.

All these leaps are for the realization of our goal to increase the impact factor of the AOTT and promote our journal from SCI-E to SCI.

I also congratulate the new Board of Directors of the *Turkish Orthopaedics and Traumatology Society*, the owner of journal and their new president Prof. Dr. Irfan Esenkaya upon their election. I am confident that we will have a harmonious and productive cooperation in due period as with the previous administrations.

Best regards,

Prof. Dr. Mehmet Demirhan
AOTT Editor-in-Chief