

## FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Acta Orthopaedica et Traumatologica Turcica readers,

We are pleased to present our second issue of 2015, in which you will find many valuable studies. I would like to draw your attention to two in particular which are attracting interest in experimental studies. One is from Turkey, namely the study done by Özsoy and colleagues, in which a very common method applied in olecranon fractures is questioned and significant knowledge imparted. The second is that by Liu and colleagues, in which they biomechanically investigate the osteosynthesis of humerus proximal fractures with locked plates. I am sure these studies will provide you with new perspectives.

2015 has brought a number of innovations to our journal. I shared some of these with you in the first issue's editorial, and in this editorial, I would like to share some information on how our journal operates.

In the past, the editing and publication processes for accepted submissions were carried out by two different firms. This often led to prolonged post-acceptance procedures, and even though communication among the three institutions continued smoothly, the publishing process was frequently delayed. In accordance with an agreement made with Kare Publishing at the beginning of 2015, the post-acceptance process will hereafter be conducted under one roof, namely Kare Publishing. Thus, better momentum will be achieved in the post-review article preparation process. While our annual number of printed publications is limited, this increased momentum plays a critical role in online publishing of the articles. The first step in online publishing of the articles prior to printing has been taken by publishing the titles, authors, and abstracts of accepted articles with their DOI numbers on the website. In the coming period, we aim to pass completely to pre-press publication with those PDFs for which editing and layout have been completed.

I would also like to relay the reviewing process and editing and publication processes of our journal once more. Once uploaded to the website, a new manuscript is first reviewed for completeness of the submission by our Technical Editors. Then, if necessary, it is sent back to the authors for revision. After review by the Editor, a new submission found suitable for review is transferred to the Co-Editors of the related field. Co-Editors complete their revisions, come to a preliminary decision—in light of peer review or direct contact with the author as needed—and forward the article to the Editor. After reviewing, the author is notified of the final decision by the Editor. The article, re-reviewed by the Technical Editors in terms of imperfections in the post-acceptance period, is forwarded to the publisher along with its Turkish translation by the author. The publisher asks for author approval with the final proof of the manuscript and readies it for printing.

I have referred many times to our sensitivity towards case reports. We have always tried to preserve the journal's identity as one in which original and experimental studies are published, and which highlights publications with high levels of proof. Therefore, although we do not eliminate case reports, in every issue we publish limited numbers of scientifically challenging applications only. However, we have had to increase our level of selectiveness due to the incremental increase in submissions to the journal and the long queue for accepted case reports to be printed. Nevertheless, we surpassed the number of case reports we aimed at within the last year. While aiming to publish an annual total of 18, i.e. 3 per issue, we in fact published 24, amongst 148 new submissions during the same period. This indicated that, as of the current year, we need to be more selective in order to preserve the identity of the journal. Therefore, as of 2015, I would like to remind you that we will need to increase our rate of rejection for case reports.

The assignment of new editors in their fields from outside Turkey continues. Along with those people I mentioned in the previous issue, the participation process for new names is also going on, and these people are joining our staff after their introduction to the Editorial Manager system. I hope to have more in-depth information on the staff newcomers to present to you in our next issue.

Best regards,

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