

FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Acta Orthopaedica et Traumatologica Turcica readers,

We are pleased to present you with our fourth issue of 2013, which once again includes gripping studies. Among these, one comparing abstracts from the National Congress with their full-text publications is particularly remarkable. I am also sure that the study on femoral bisphosphonate fractures will grab your attention as well.

As you know, AOTT began utilizing the internationally accepted 'Editorial Manager' program for the review of articles last month. This program provides great convenience both during the submission stage and for the reviewers. I am pleased to call upon you to register with the system to submit your articles and as a reviewer. I am confident that this new system will speed up our processes and win your approval.

The new system brings along some limitations for the reviewer during the reviewing stage. An article is withdrawn automatically if the reviewer fails to accept or refuse within a week of the initial invitation for review. Therefore, it is of great importance for our reviewers to simply click on the e-mail within this time frame to let us know whether they accept the invitation. Following this, a 3-week time period is allowed for the review process, in which reminders will be sent by the system as the deadline nears. These time frames are internationally accepted and suggested by the system. Although the initial accept/refuse time period is fixed, the final time frame may be slightly flexible by 1 to 2 weeks in exceptional circumstances, if requested. We would like to request that authors send me an e-mail in case of such an emergency when the reminder e-mails arrive.

We are aware of the fact that our reviewers put in extraordinary effort in reviewing the articles. However, it is also our duty as a journal to consider the authors when it comes to publication times. The timely review of studies in an informed and quality manner are the factors we care about most. Thus, reviewers who can review articles in a scientific and meticulous fashion are needed. For this reason, I would like to remind all our orthopedics and traumatology associates that they can sign up with the system as a reviewer. In addition, we gain more strength with our ever growing number of foreign reviewers.

On this opportunity, I would like to once again remind readers of the AOTT Reviewers' Meeting that will take place during the National Congress and call on our colleagues for their attendance.

As the summer holiday is about to end and we are to start a new work program, I wish everyone healthy, happy and sound days.

Prof. Dr. Mehmet Demirhan

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