

FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Acta Orthopaedica et Traumatologica Turcica readers,

We are pleased to meet you with the last issue of 2013.

Several changes were made regarding our journal during 2013, in particular, the implementation of Editorial Manager software, globally considered the most ideal reviewing system. In addition to its ease of use for both the reviewer and author, this new system will help significantly reduce reviewing time. Below, you may see the statistics regarding the review process of the submitted articles since last September.

Since the initiation of Editorial Manager, we received a total of 186 articles. Following the technical review, which took an average of 6.5 days, 59% of the articles were sent back to the authors for revision. Articles were submitted to the relevant section editor in an average of 4.5 days following technical review. The average time for an article to reach the reviewers is estimated to now be 15.3 days in our new system.

To date, the review of 115 submissions have been finalized and 71 are still in process. Within the same time frame, out of 457 reviews requested, 72% have been completed in due time. Editorial decision was sent out to the authors in an average of 56.3 days, which is considered an acceptable period. Our editorial board and technical editors are striving to lower this time period even further.

I am fully confident that the international quality and the increasing impact factor of our journal in 2013 will continue to grow in the new year. The self-confidence our esteemed readers present is our biggest boost in this process.

You can find the names of all reviewers who have been of great support during the last term at the end of the journal. I owe thanks to each and every one of them for their devoted, labor-intense work and gratuitous support.

We, the Editorial Board, wish all our readers, reviewers and authors a healthy, joyful and successful new year.

Prof. Dr. Mehmet Demirhan

AOTT Editor-in-Chief