



Prof. Dr. Uğur DİLMEN

It is extremely hard for me to write an obituary about a dear friend, an admired colleague, a late professor in the Department of Pediatrics and Neonatology, an executive editor of our Journal, formerly my student at Hacettepe Medical Faculty, my resident, and chief resident at Ihsan Doğramacı Children's Hospital who died on May 7, 2015, following a long struggle with brain tumour recurrences.

He was born in Nevşehir (Turkey) in 1955, graduated from Hacettepe Medical School in 1979, started pediatric residency in the same year at Ihsan Doğramacı Children's Hospital, became chief resident between 1982 and 1983. Following the army duty, he served as pediatrician at Seydisehir State Hospital for 2 years, became lecturer in the Pediatrics Turkish Health and Therapy Foundation (Ahmet Örs Hospital) from 1987 to 1988. Physician in chief and Associate Professor in Pediatrics and Neonatology in the same foundation medical center between 1990 and 1994, he became professor in the Department of Pediatrics and Neonatology at Atatürk University in 1994. He was the founder Dean of Fatih University of Medical Faculty between 1996 and 2001. He started as chief of the Neonatal Unit of Dr. Zekai Tahir Burak Hospital and as coordinator of the establishment of Neonatal units all over Turkey by Turkish Health Ministry. He also served as professor in the Department of Pediatrics and Neonatology at Yıldırım Beyazıt University. He was elected as president for the Neonatal Society in 2013. In 2012, he became General Director of Health Research at the Turkish Health Ministry.

Prof. Dilmen was elected fellow of Islamic World Academy of Science in 2001. He was awarded Cihat Tahsin Gürson Research Award in 1982, Turkish Scientific and Technical Research Council (TUBITAK) award in 1988, and Dr. Ibrahim Memorial award in 1998.

He was member of Turkish Medical Society, National Pediatric Society, Perinatology and Endocrinology Society, Neonatal Society, and World Medical Association. He published more than 430 papers (229 in the international journals; 52 in a year 4 years ago). He was the founder of New Medical Journal that became the official publication of the Fatih University.

His wisdom, cleverness, tolerance, kindness, selflessness, generosity, and administration ability was extraordinary. With his hard work, our Journal published on time and admitted to several citations.

He was married to Prof. Dr. Gülçin Dilmen, and they had a son and a daughter.

We all pray to God for him.

God bless him.