

Dear readers,

I would like to begin the first issue of 2020 by wishing you all a happy new year. The year 2019 was a year of change for the Archives of the Turkish Society of Cardiology. First of all, there were changes to our editorial board. We saw the departures of Prof. Dr. Murat Özdemir, who faithfully served our journal for many years and with whom I was honored to work, and Prof. Kadriye Kılıçkesmez, who was assistant editor of Interventional Cardiology from 2016 to 2019 and whose attention to detail added great value to our journal. Our colleagues Prof. Dr. Meral Kayıkçioğlu, Prof. Dr. Bilgehan Karadağ, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Uğur Canpolat, Prof. Dr. Sabahattin Gündüz, Prof. Dr. Sanem Nalbantgil, Prof. Dr. Bahar Pirat, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Emre Aslanger, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kaan Okyay, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ozan Onur Balkanay, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Selman Gökalp, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mustafa Ozan Gürsoy, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Burak Hünük, and Dr. Muhammed Keskin took up the baton and agreed to take positions on the new editorial board. We now have several young and talented members on the team. Also, Dr. Göksel Çinier joined us as a web editor in order to make the articles of the Archives of the Turkish Society of Cardiology more accessible to young cardiologists and the international community. Our statistical advisors, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Salih Ergöçen and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aysen Kandemir, continued to evaluate articles with meticulous care, and Prof. Dr. Ertan Ural continued to share news on the cardiology agenda. Dr. Özge Özden Tok, one of our young cardiologists, added color to the Agenda and Comments column in the journal with her drawings. Another innovation of the new year is that our esteemed Prof. Dr. Serdar Payzın agreed to draw a graphic to summarize the content of the articles selected by the editorial board. The first example is on the cover of this issue.

In the year 2019, 209,000 users visited the website of the Archives of the Turkish Society of Cardiology and 377,000 pages were viewed. The number of daily visitors to our website grew from 250-500 in 2018 to 750-1000 in 2019. The statistics suggest that interest in our journal and the interaction of users with our website have increased significantly. All of the issues of the Archives since 2015 have been included in the Web of Science Emerging Sources Citation Index. In addition to our national database, the Turkish Academic Network and Information Center (ULAKBİM), our presence in Scopus and other international indexes, such as PubMed, Embase, and EBSCO Information Services enables our authors to publicize their work on both national and international platforms, which is reflected in the citations we received. While in 2015 we received a total of 32 first citations, the number increased rapidly, with 104 citations in 2016, 159 citations in 2016, 238 citations in 2018, and 275 citations at the end of this year. Furthermore, the h-index of our journal increased to 9 points. As one of the most important indications of our quality and recognition, it is notable that more than half of the citations we received came from abroad. The most frequent was the United States, followed in descending order by the People's Republic of China, Italy, Germany, the United Kingdom, France, Spain, and Canada. The Archives of the Turkish Society of Cardiology was also added to the Q3 group of journals in the middle of the year.

Of course, this journal would not have survived for 52 years without you, our valued readers, writers, and, above all, the invisible heroes, our reviewers. Therefore, as every year, I will close with a list of reviewers who contributed to our success by evaluating articles in 2019.

I wish all of readers and valued friends a healthy, happy, and successful year.

Prof. Dr. Dilek Ural

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