

Editorial

Without publication, science is dead.

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Dear TURKDERM readers,

It was with great pride that I served as the editor of TURKDERM, the flagship dermatology journal of Türkiye, between 2016 and 2023. Having previously been a reader, author, reviewer and columnist of this journal the prestigious editorial position allowed me to show and repay my gratitude to it as TURKDERM had contributed generously in the past to my personal academic endeavours. Being an editor also provided me the irreplaceable pleasure of simultaneously acting as an academic and a scientist. My wholehearted thanks go to my colleagues in the Boards of Directors of the Dermatology and Venereology Association who gave me this opportunity and those in the editorial team who unsparingly provided their time and expertise for a better and improved TURKDERM all the while demonstrating an excellent example of teamwork, namely Prof. Dr. Tülin Mansur, Prof. Dr. Meltem Uslu, Prof. Dr. Fatih Göktaş, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Özlem Özbağcıvan, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Andaç Salman, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sezgi Sarıkaya Solak, and Prof. Dr. Şeniz Duygulu. Beginning with the March 2024 issue which you are now reading, I am very happy to be able to pass on my editorial responsibilities, which I performed with pride, enthusiasm and pleasure, to our new editor Prof. Dr. Fatih Göktaş. I am fully confident that he, with his energy and experience, will make our journal prosper further.

I would like to end this letter by briefly listing the achievements in TURKDERM in the last 6 years:

1. Concurrent publication in two languages, Turkish and English, and the project of digital access to full texts were realized.
2. An international editorial board in its real sense was established as a reflection of the value and confidence attributed to our journal by our reputable colleagues from many countries.
3. Articles prepared for us by our foreign colleagues were embraced in an effort to be part of the world of dermatology.
4. Two special columns titled "Dermatologist answers to cosmetic questions" and "Tips for interventional dermatology" were introduced to better incorporate cosmetology and dermatological surgery into our field of specialization, and a "Dermoscopy for all dermatologists" section served to contribute to dermoscopy education.
5. National guidelines for diagnosis and treatment of urticaria, psoriasis, atopic dermatitis and acne were published to help us in our daily practice.
6. TURKDERM continuously maintained its standing in many scientific indexes, particularly in the Web of Science-Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI) and the Turkish Medical Index.
7. Publication continuity was not disrupted once during the pandemic years, which wreaked havoc and disrupted so many other operations in the world. Our reliable partner Galenos Publishing played an imperative role, supplying much appreciated knowledge, skill and goodwill.

Dear colleagues,

What the previous editorial team managed to accomplish for our journal up to now is the guarantee for what our new editor and his team will achieve in the future. I wish all of you days filled with of dermatology, hoping you will also spare some time for TURKDERM for enrichment.

Have a good read!

Prof. Dr. Ekin Şavk
Editor-in-Chief (2016-2023)