

Turkderm

Turkderm - Turkish Archives of Dermatology and Venereology

Editorial

Science is needed to serve the country.

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Dear TURKDERM Readers,

The Dermatology and Syphilology Society is the first association in the history of Turkish medicine, founded by dermatology and venereology specialists in 1919 to carry out scientific activities. "Journal of Dermatology and Syphilology Society of Istanbul" (Bulletin de la Societe de Dermatologie et de Syphiligraphie de Constantinople)", is the scientific publication of the association and the first step of our current journal, started its publication life in Turkish and French in 1921 under the leadership of publishing director Ömer Abdurrahman. Unfortunately, due to the war years and the conditions of the period, only six issues of the journal could be published, and our first association could continue its activities for about five years^{1,2}.

Our association, which was re-established as the "Dermatology and Venereology Society" in 1930, was chaired by Prof. Dr. Talat Çamlı for the first two years. Then, Prof. Dr. Hulusi Behçet was elected as president. Our journal, named Archives of Dermatology and Syphilography Clinic, started to be published again in 1934 under the editorship of Prof. Dr. Hulusi Behçet. Our journal, which took a 15-year break from publication between 1949 and 1962, has continued to be published uninterruptedly since 1963. In this process, our valuable scientists Dr. Cevat Sargin, Dr. Kemal Turgut, Prof. Dr. Nevzat Öke, Prof. Dr. Faruk Nemlioğlu, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Adem Köşlü, Prof. Dr. Yalçın Tüzün, Prof. Dr. Nahide Onsun and Prof. Dr. Emine Derviş made outstanding contributions to the development of the journal^{1,2}.

Today, our journal continues to be published in Turkish and English under the name Turkderm-Turkish Archives of Dermatology and Venereology as the official scientific publication of the Dermatology and Venereology Society.

I would like to thank my esteemed professor Prof. Ekin Şavk, who served as editor between 2016 and 2023 and with whom I had the honor of working as assistant editor, who contributed significantly to the inclusion of international scientists in our advisory board when the journal started to be published in Turkish and English, the start of accepting scientific articles from abroad, and the development of the journal. I would like to express my endless gratitude to the assistant editors with whom I had the chance to work during this period, Prof. Dr. Şeniz Duygulu, Prof. Dr. Tülin Mansur, Prof. Dr. Meltem Uslu, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Özlem Özbağcıvan, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Andaç Salman and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sezgi Sarıkaya Solak for their outstanding contributions to our journal.

Dear readers, by the board of directors of our association, I have been entrusted with the task of editorship starting from this issue of Turkderm. I would like to thank them wholeheartedly for this trust and assignment. Being assigned to such a link in the historical chain of Turkish dermatology, our association and our time-honored journal makes me very emotional and honored, along with a great sense of responsibility.

In the coming period, together with our editorial board consisting of valuable scientists, Prof. Dr. Şeniz Duygulu, Prof. Dr. Algün Polat Ekinci, Assoc. Dr. Andaç Salman, Assoc. Dr. Sezgi Sarıkaya Solak and Assoc. Dr. Ayda Acar, who are devoted to scientific publishing, I think that we can repay our debt of loyalty to our journal to some extent by trying to increase the representation power and impact factor of our journal in the science of dermatology and venereology in the national and international arena.

On the other hand, achieving the goals of this journey will only be possible with the devoted efforts and contributions of our entire dermatology community. As the editorial board, we will strive to lead the preparation of articles sent to our journal for publication through a rapid and meticulous evaluation process in accordance with publication ethics and to ensure the development of our journal in this direction by constantly following international standards.

It is vital for our journal to continue to submit articles in increasing numbers, for our colleagues to whom we refer to accept our application and evaluate our application meticulously and on time, and to make intense efforts to improve the articles assessed by the referees, if possible. I wholeheartedly believe that article authors, referees, and all our colleagues providing feedback to our editorial board regarding all stages of the journal's publication processes will contribute to our development.

As a final word, I would like to express my gratitude in advance to our editorial board, advisory board, all our valuable professors, colleagues, secretariat and the employees of our publishing house, who will keep TURKDERM alive and glorified with their contributions in the coming period.

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Kind regards,
Prof. Dr. Fatih Göktay
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