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FROM THE EDITOR

Dear AOTT Readers,

In this first issue of 2020, we are overwhelmed but also very happy to greet you with a new editorial board, a new publisher, a new page design for articles, a new article type and also a new web site, all at once!

I believe the most important change is in the technical and editorial boards of AOTT Journal. The former editorial board has been working together for the last four years and has been instrumental in significant progress. Throughout these years, we had to work with three different publishers, switch back and forth between two different manuscript submission systems and used three different web sites. The technical board thus, had to suffer a heavy workload. I would like to express my special thanks to my colleagues Kaya Akan, Yavuz Arıkan, Engin Eceviz, İlker Eren, Murat Korkmaz and Aksel Seyahi, who spent many hours in countless project meetings. The technical board was also responsible for technical and language editing of submitted articles. In 2020, we have introduced two young colleagues to the board, Mehmet Demirel and Lezgin Mert, who have already made significant contributions to the journal within a short period.

The 2016-2020 scientific editorial board had an amazing performance and succeeded to improve the journal's impact factor from 0.4 to a level above 1.0 within these four years. I congratulate all my colleagues on the board and also express my gratitude for devoting so much time to review approximately 500 submissions yearly, a heavy burden for such a voluntary mission. This year, we have many new associate editors, who were invited depending on their performance as reviewers within the last four years, being among the first 50 reviewers with highest review counts. I welcome Turgut Akgül, Umur Aydoğan, Burak Beksaç, Derya Çelik, Mehmet Ali Deveci, Gazi Huri, Esat Kiter, Salih Marangoz, Haluk Özcanlı, Gökhan Polat and Ali Turgut on behalf of the AOTT Journal. Haluk Berk, who had served as an associate editor for several years previously, returned to the team to be in charge of editorials. Following many years of dedication as members of the board, Mümtaz Alpaslan, Bruno Fuchs, Taner Güneş, Ufuk Özkaya, Cengiz Şen and Yusuf Yıldız are leaving their posts in favor of younger colleagues.

Starting with this issue, AOTT will publish a new type of articles, Invited Editorials, which are not actually scientific articles but will focus on topics related to the daily life in orthopedics. Topics like medical education, medical publishing, ethical considerations, art in surgery or surgery in art, congress reports, history of medicine and orthopaedics and also financial comments may be published under this heading. Editorials will be indexed in SCI-E and Pubmed, similar to scientific articles. In this issue, we have a good example of such editorials, written by Dr. Yalçınkaya and Dr. Bagatur, questioning the scientific output of our national congresses.

This issue was the first to be published by our new publisher, AVES, a medical publishing company based in Turkey, Istanbul. With the collaboration of the AVES team and editorial board members, we have made some changes, mainly aesthetical, in the page layout of articles and also the masthead of the journal. All information regarding the journal standards was reviewed. AOTT web site was transferred to AVES servers, while all back issues, including the first issue of the journal, were uploaded in the new site with a new outlook. The classical web site address of the journal (www.aott.org.tr) remained unchanged. AVES will keep publishing articles accepted for publication on PubMed shortly after the English redaction process is completed and published articles will be hosted also in the PubMed Central.

As I have already informed you in previous issues, AOTT will ask authors for a contribution in article production charge (APC) payment, starting with the submissions in 2020. There will be a fixed price of €200 for research articles and €150 for case reports and technical notes. Please note that the true APC costs are much higher than what the authors are asked to pay and also that author APC of high-quality articles of Level of Evidence I or II will be covered by TOTDER upon request of authors.

Best regards,

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