

**FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK**

Dear Readers of the Turkish Journal of Surgery,

You have now in your hand the last issue of 2019. I might say that there are very interesting articles in this issue. I strongly advise you to read these papers and hopefully use as valuable citations in your studies.

One of the current articles is particularly special for us. Dr. Semih Baskan, who is the former President of Turkish Surgical Society, had written a special article entitled "The great leader of Turkish surgery is 90 years old". Dr. Baskan herein summarizes with interesting details the history of the Turkish Surgical Society. I would recommend reading and archiving this outstanding article. To be honest, I have learned a lot of facts that I had not known before.

The beginning of 2019 was a special time for us. Together with my colleagues in the editorial board, we have taken over the editorial work of the journal and tried to establish a better journal throughout the year. I do think that we have overcome some important issues but undoubtedly there is more to do. With this opportunity at hand, I would like to thank my colleagues Dr. Demirkan and Dr. Ulas for their meticulous work as co-editors. Furthermore, I should mention that we are fortunate to work with our partners Bilimsel Tıp Yayınevi and Yazılım Parkı.

As I have previously mentioned, one of our major goals is to be indexed in some prestigious international indexes such as Index Medicus and SCI-expanded. Our preparations are coming now to an end. We are planning to apply in the forthcoming months of the New Year.

Moreover we are also hoping to establish new technology tools in our organization and communication for all parts of the journal in the first half of 2020. Nowadays, the communication tools are dramatically changing. As an emerging journal, we wish to adapt ourselves to these new developments. We will inform you as soon as we establish new communication procedures.

In this respect, we also need your feed-back and support. We always welcome your comments and critics.

On behalf of the editorial team of TJS, I wish a Merry Christmas for our international readers and Happy New Year 2020 for all!

Best wishes,

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