

EDITORIAL

Dear Colleagues,

Presenting the first issue of volume 27 of Turkish Journal of Pathology in 2011, I would like to share briefly the things we have lived together in the last two years and also some recent developments.

You all know the changes we made in the publication format of Turkish Journal of Pathology (color printing, page layout, aims and scope, information for authors, editorial board, international editorial board, biostatistics consultancy, redaction committee, web site, and etc.) since I took up the position of Editor-in-chief in February 2009. In addition, dates of print envisaged in the publication plans have carefully been adhered. In 2010, the policy of publishing at least 50 articles including at least 50% research articles was implemented and at least 70% percent of articles were given support for English publication in order to provide a wider range of citation. As you will readily notice all articles in this current issue are in English.

In December 2010, we received the result of the application we made to “Thomson Reuters/Science Citation Index” in May 2009. Accordingly, it became clear that our journal is still not at the desired level in terms of some standards such as being at cutting edge of knowledge in the field of pathology, use of up-to-date and most recent references, and citations of published articles and that in this context more work is needed. In addition to our other goals, publishing qualified articles as well as articles from different countries should be among our priorities. I do believe that the use of solely English expressions (as you know all statements in our journal are bilingual!) will improve understanding of our journal at international level and this will also simplify the coverage of the journal.

Being prepared for the publication of this issue, we have learnt that the result of the evaluation of our journal by “U.S. National Library of Medicine/MEDLINE” will be submitted by February 2011. Regardless of the results, our efforts on becoming a better scientific journal must continue without a break.

As of January 2011, Turkish Journal of Pathology which had not been indexed by any indexes until February 2009 is now indexed by SCOPUS, INDEX COPERNICUS, EBSCO, DOAJ, NEWJOUR, TUBITAK/ULAKBIM, Turk Medline, and Turkiye Citation Index.

For their contribution to our work during this period, on behalf of the Editorial Board I thank our associate editors Dr. Bilge Bilgiç, and Dr. Ali Rıza Kandiloğlu who resigned because of their excuses. I wish success in their tasks to our associate editors, Dr. Funda Demirağ, Dr. Sergülen Dervişoğlu, Dr. Mine Güllüoğlu and Dr. Selda Seçkin, appointed by the Federation of Turkish Pathology Societies.

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I believe that with the support of the Federation, future editor-in-chiefs and colleagues, Turkish Journal of Pathology will further strengthen and Turkish Pathology will reach to the international level it deserves.

With my best regards,

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