



### Dear Colleagues,

We sincerely wish the new education session of 2015-2016 brings peace, happiness and health to all my colleagues and their families. We are happy to accomplish the fourth issue of 2015.

There are 4 research articles in this issue. The first two articles are the experimental animal studies analyzing for results of the effects of etofenamate and methylprednisolone on spinal cord injury of 31 male Wistar-Albino rats and the results of new titanium interbody cage using at sheep. The third study are about themorphometric anaysis of the disc space. The radiological evaluation and comparison of the brusellosis and tuberculosis spondylitis is discussing in forth article. In the fifth study, the results of low back pain

management were presented. That article is from the azeribajyan. We believe that all those studies will quietly interest the readers.

There are also one case reports in this issue which is neurologic deficit secondary to cement leakage during percutaneous vertebroplasty in multiple myeloma patient.

There are two reviews in this issue. The first one is the complications of anterior cervical spine surgery. Second one is about the adult scoliosis. Both of them are quiet comprehensive and informative reviews.

In this issue, in the “Frontiers of the Spinal Surgery” section, the biography was presented about the Prof. Jurgen Harms. The authors of the this article are Prof. İ. Teoman Benli, M.D. and Emre Karadeniz, M.D.

The “Marmara Spinal Group Meetings”, which includes İstanbul and neighboring cities and which is conducted to increase the interests of especially assistants and new specialist on spinal surgery and to contribute to their trainings and to transfer the experiences of experienced colleagues and will be organized each month regularly by the regulatory board, and which Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Aydoğan will perform the headship this year and Yunus Atıcı performs the secretariat, will be continued. You can find the other meeting contents from the announcements section.

We respond to answer the STE questions that we publish in accordance with the request from TOTBİD TOTEK for recertification in this issue. The answers of the questions included in this issue should be sent to [cutku@ada.net.tr](mailto:cutku@ada.net.tr) or [admin@jtss.org.tr](mailto:admin@jtss.org.tr) addresses as also indicated in the page including the questions. The sent answers will be sent to the secretariat working relevantly in TOTBİD TOTEK by us.

We wish healthy, successful and peaceful days to Turkish Spinal Surgery family and we present our deepest respects.

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