



Turkish Archives of Otorhinolaryngology

Türk Otorinolarengoloji Arşivi

Editorial



Dear Colleagues,

Let us go 55 years and 1 month back from now, to November 1962. This date witnessed an important development in the field of Turkish Otorhinolaryngology: The publication of the journal Turkish Archives of Otolaryngology started under the auspices of the Turkish Otorhinolaryngology Society. When we turn the cover of the first issue, we find the editorial written by Prof. Dr. M. Hikmet Altuğ, who was the founder of the journal. I would like to share this writing, which is important for its content, as well as its historical value, with you. Our dear professor begins with a Latin saying that refers to the importance of printed knowledge: Verba volent, scripta manent which means that "spoken words fly away, written words remain".

There are dates that can be regarded as milestones in the history of Turkish Otorhinolaryngology. The first of them is the foundation of first Emraz-ı Üzniye, Enfiye and Haçereviye lecterns (December 1900, İstanbul) by the young captain Ziya Nuri, who was the father of modern ear medicine in our country and master of masters, after he came back to the country from Germany.

The emergence of the Otorhinolaryngology Society was the second milestone, made possible by those who aspired to establish a society in this discipline established and held on in Turkey after being adorned with the European experience by Sani Yaver and İhya Salih, who wrote the

regulation, at Haydar İbrahim's clinic in Galatasaray Tütün Çıkması (May 8, 1930).

The society, which had organized professional meetings on the first Monday evening every month for 20 years, was in despair. The society was deprived of the observations and studies of their colleagues who were out of İstanbul. They were also too distant to transfer their experience and knowledge in their profession.

Finally, the society in despair considered to organize the national congress biennially. Prof. Ekrem Behçet Tezel opened the first national congress in the Gureba-Çapa lecture hall (October 4, 1951). By this advanced step in the Turkish Otorhinolaryngology, it was possible to see the 6th national congress in 10 years.

Today, it is possible to consider the journal, which we are happy to present to our colleagues, as a necessary milestone in the course of development.

Until the day when journals will perhaps not be sufficient, our archive, which fills a gap in our opinion, will publish monthly meeting subjects of our society and also present all kinds of dissertations and original discoveries to the communities across the world, which is becoming smaller with radio, television, and everyday changing medicine.

As we always expect your help and critiques, we will strive to do our share on the road to reach Atatürk's "level of contemporary civilization."

Best regards,

Prof. M. Hikmet Altuğ (İstanbul, November 1962)

Today, after 55 years, our journal Turkish Archives of Otorhinolaryngology, being one of important milestones specified by Prof. Dr. M. Hikmet Altuğ, has lead us to another important step: Turkish Archives of Otorhinolaryngology was accepted by Pubmed-one the most comprehensive international indices. Thus, a significant contribution has been made to the goal of "our colleagues presenting all kinds of dissertations and original discoveries to the communities across the world," as stated by Prof. Altuğ.

We present our thanks to the Turkish Otorhinolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery Society for their strong support in this important step, to all editors and editorial board members for their great efforts to publish our journal for over half a century, to our reviewers for their valuable critiques, to our all colleagues for their contributions to our journal with their scientific studies, and to our publishing house.

Wishing you many more important milestones conquered together. . .

Kind regards,

On behalf of the Editorial Board,

Prof. Cem Bilgen