

From the Co-Editor for International Review Board

I'm honored and pleased to be the selected Co-Editor for the International Review Board position of the *Journal of Breast Health*.

In the first issue of the *Journal of Breast Health* in 2005 editor in chief stated that our goal and target is seeing the journal among the prestigious international medical journals and in order to achieve this goal we should focus on entering the journal in the Index Medicus. One may easily see that in a short period the *Journal of Breast Health* becomes one of the peer review journal in Turkey and published high quality of articles. Last year, the *Journal* had been accepted by The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) and EBSCO Publishing. I think it is time to be an international journal and reach out to more readers and as the editor in chief mentioned before, the next step is being in the Pub-Med and SCI Expanded.

I believe that having an international journal not only helps close collaboration of the medical centers but also shows our national interest to breast health and breast disease research. What I also strongly believe that Turkish physicians and physicians from the region mentioned below deserve more international reputation than they have now. The *Journal of Breast Health* would serve these aims by reaching out more health care professionals internationally especially starting from the countries such as Eastern Europe, Balkans, Middle East and Former Soviet Countries.

An international editorial board was founded and very well known experts from the world on breast health have been invited to this board. We're expecting more papers from the experts but most importantly we're expecting you to submit your collaborative research articles.

International Board of the *Journal of Breast Health* will judge papers that make a substantial contribution to the understanding of any area of Breast Health. Types of articles include original research papers, reviews, short research communications, and case-reports. The main criteria for accepting a manuscript for publication are originality, scientific importance and interest. To cater for international audiences and promote international collaboration, we encourage submissions that present results of collaborative research of more than one country (or more than one center). Those submissions receive higher attention in editorial review and publication.

I personally believe that as a member of the Turkish and International Breast Health Community each of us are responsible for establishing and maintaining the highest possible standards in the contributions that fill the pages of the journal as well as for maintaining the integrity of the journal itself.

Sincerely

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