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FROM THE EDITOR

Dear AOTT readers,

Greetings from the first issue of 2019.

Sorrow brings me to inform you that Prof. Mehmet Alp Göksan, one of the former presidents of Turkish Association of Orthopedics and Traumatology (TOTDER) and the longest served editor-in-chief of *Acta Orthopaedica et Traumatologica Turcica* Journal, has passed away recently. Inside, you will find an obituary I have co-written with Prof Mehmet Demirhan.

January 2019 was the due month for electing 2019–2021 executive board of TOTDER. I present my sincere gratitude to the past president Prof. Mehmet Demirhan and the executive board for their support in maintaining activities of AOTT, and congratulate the elected president Dr. Hasan Bombacı and new members of the executive board on behalf of all editors of the journal, wishing them success in their task.

Toiling on the editorial board for a long time, Dr Halit Pınar requested his leave in order to pass the task to younger colleagues. His criticism and unique point of view will be dearly missed. I would like to thank him for all his contributions in the name of our readers and authors.

Finally some good news! The technical committee is very happy to announce that we anticipate the 2019 impact factor of our journal to be over 0.8, indicating that our journal is headed high to long-awaited scientific levels.

I am sure you will join me in appreciating the articles in this issue.

Respectfully,

Dr. Onder Kilicoglu
AOTT Editor-in-Chief

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