

Farewell to Prof. Başkal, Turkish Journal of Endocrinology and Metabolism (TJEM) and 2022; welcome 2023 and new designation 'Endocrinology Research and Practice'

EDITORIAL

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Dear Readers,

Let us briefly travel to the past; National Endocrinology Journal in Turkey was initially published in September 1991. The language of the Journal was Turkish, and the owner of the Journal on behalf of the 'Aegean Endocrinology Association' was our dear colleague Prof. Taylan Kabalak, who sadly passed away in May 2020. Editor-in-Chief was Prof. Candeğer Yılmaz, and Prof. Gökhan Özgen, who was probably a fellow trainee then, had done much of the desk work.

As of 1997, the Journal was designated as 'The Turkish Journal of Endocrinology and Metabolism (TJEM)' and owned by the Society of Endocrinology and Metabolism (SEMT); the first Editor-in-Chief was Prof. Kabalak. Funder and the former president of SEMT, Prof. Gürbüz Erdoğan, the Executive Committee of 1997, professors Olcay Gedik, Taylan Kabalak, Sema Akalın, Fahrettin Keleştemur aimed to enable our Society to own an international indexed Journal in English. Prof. Kabalak handover the editorship to Prof. Erdoğan in 2004, and professors Şazi İmamoğlu (2005-2006) and Sema Akalın (2007-2008) were the following editors-in-chief. 2008 was the year in which our latest editor-in-chief Prof. Nilgün Başkal took over the wheel, and easier said than done, she gave fourteen years of unwavering support and service to the Journal. The Journal has come a long way thanks to her commitment, flexibility, and transparency. At the end of 2022, she decided it was time to hand over the honor to the deputy editor, myself. This year we also bid farewell to Prof. Hasan Altunbaş, who has contributed much to the Journal for the past eight years as an associate editor. Our associate editor, Prof. Dilek Gogas Yavuz, has become the Journal's new deputy editor. We also welcome fresh blood, two new associate editors, professors Canan Ersoy and Fatih Tanrıverdi, distinguished scientists from Bursa and Kayseri.

TJEM has been quite a success for the Society for the past 25 years and is currently indexed in Web of Science – Emerging Sources Citation Index, Scopus, etc. Like the 34 other Journals indexed by the 'Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI),' our goal has always been to be in Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE), which is not an easy task, and it is achievable only with your contributions and support.

On our way, we have a substantial change that we want to share with our community. Upon suggestions from AVES, our publishers, editing staff, the editorial board, and the executive committee of the SEMT have decided to signify the Journal as 'Endocrinology Research and Practice,' which had been chosen among several candidate names. Formerly the Turkish Journal of Endocrinology and Metabolism (TJEM) will continue to thrive as 'Endocrinology Research and Practice.' The Journal will be published quarterly (January, April, July, and October). Upon demand from Ex Co, we collaborated on a new directive, and thanks to Dilek's efforts, a new directive for the Journal was prepared and approved by Ex Co, which can be found on the SEMT's website.

Finally, having the privilege and the honor of being the editor-in-chief of this Journal owned by a large and splendid society, who has the opportunity to work with an excellent editorial staff, I would like to express my gratitude to our funder, past editors, editorial staff, reviewers, authors, and the readers who contributed to our Journal throughout these years. I would also like to convey my condolences to Prof. Senay Molvalılar, SEMT's lovely former president.



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Wishing the best for the Journal and our enormous Society. Remember that hope, struggle, and hard work towards a goal are part of the rewards. Achieving the goal itself is only part of the reward.

I look forward to your continuing support of Endocrinology Research and Practice (formerly the Turkish Journal of Endocrinology and Metabolism).

Best Wishes,

Prof. Murat Faik Erdoğan

Editor-in-Chief

