

A Tribute to Our Honorary Editor Prof. Dr. Nasih Sinasi Ozsoylu

It is a great honor to show our gratitude to Prof. Dr. Nasih Sinasi Ozsoylu, who is a retired professor of Pediatrics, Hematology, and Hepatology. It is an honor to be in acquaintance with him. We have learned a lot from him. He was a doctor and an academician. He was the editor of this journal for many years until he entrusted this duty to Dr. Mahmut Nedim Aytekin.

He was born in Erzurum, Turkey, on August 29, 1927. Prof. Ozsoylu graduated from Istanbul University Medical Faculty in 1951, served in the Turkish Army for 1 year, and practiced medicine in Anatolia for 3 years.

He was a resident doctor at Ankara University, Hacettepe Children's Hospital (1955–1958); chief resident at the same institution for 1 year; and a second-year resident at St. Louis Children's Hospital (Washington University Medical School, St. Louis, USA) (1959–1960), staying at the Department of Pharmacology of the same School until 1961. During the next 2 years, he undertook training in Pediatric Hematology at the Children's Hospital Medical Center (Harvard University School of Medicine, Boston, USA). In 1963, he returned to Hacettepe Faculty of Medicine, Ankara, and became Associate Professor (1964) and then Professor of Pediatrics and Hematology (1969).

In 1971 and 1972, he worked at the Department of Nuclear Medicine, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine (Baltimore, USA), and then as a visiting Professor at the University of Maryland (Baltimore) for 1 year. After returning to Ankara, he became Head of the Department of Pediatrics (1976) and then worked at Hacettepe University Faculty of Medicine and Hacettepe Children's Hospital (now called Ihsan Dogramaci Children's Hospital), Ankara, as Professor of Pediatrics and Head of the Hematology and Hepatology sections.

Dr. Ozsoylu appeared for his ECFMG examination in 1960 and the American Board of Pediatrics in 1963. He is a member of the Turkish Medical Society, Turkish Pediatrics Society, Turkish Child Health Society, Turkish Hematology Society, Turkish Hemophilia Society and World Federation of Hemophilia, Mediterranean Blood Club, International Pediatric Society, European Society for Pediatric Hematology and Immunology, International College of Pediatrics, European Science Foundation, and the Union of Mediterranean Pediatric Societies. He is a Founder of the Pediatric Hepatology in Turkey and has become an interdisciplinary hematology expert for the International Pediatric Association. He is an elected Fellow of the Islamic Academy of Sciences (1988). He is an honorary member of both the American Pediatric Society (1993), and the American Academy of Pediatrics (1995). He is a former President of the European Society for Pediatric Hematology and Immunology, and a former member of Turkish Scientific and Technical Research Council Medical group. He is on the editorial boards of 19 medical journals. He received the Dogramaci Award (1979) and the Parlar Award (1989). He has authored more than 942 publications (more than 540 in the USA or Europe), written two books, and co-authored another two.

He attended more than 165 congresses (63 of them international) where he presented more than 170 papers. He was invited by the French government to France in 1976, where he delivered lectures in six conferences (two in Paris, two in Lyon, and two in Marseille). He was one of the five invited speakers at a meeting in the hematology section of the College of Pediatrics in Finland in 1978. In 1982, he was invited to Helsinki University Department of Pediatrics, and delivered talks also at Oulu and Tampere Universities. In 1982, he delivered lectures in conferences in San Francisco, University of Buffalo, and Children's Hospital Medical Center in Boston (Harvard University). In 1984, he was invited to London (England: St Thomas Hospital) where he delivered six lectures on Pediatric Hepatology. He was one of the four invited speakers at the International Pediatric Association in Honolulu-Hawaii USA in the hematology section in 1986. In May 1987, he was invited as a speaker to the Union of Mediterranean Pediatric Societies at Palermo, Italy.

His major subject of research in the last 25 years has been related to the effect of megadose methyl prednisolone on several hematologic disorders.

He is married and has a daughter and two sons.

His most important publications are as follows:

1. Effects of corticosteroids on coagulation of the blood. *Nature* (London) 1962; 195: 1214–1216.
2. Hereditary methemoglobinemic cyanosis due to diaphorase deficiency in three successive generations. *Acta Haematologica* 1967; 37; 276–282.
3. Leukocyte alkaline phosphatase activity in rickets due to vitamin D deficiency. *N Engl J Med* 1969; 280; 1221–1223.
4. The comparison of the coagulation factors in arterial and venous blood. *Acta Haematologica* 1969; 41; 303–307.
5. High dose intravenous methylprednisolone for acute idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura. *Eur J Haematol* 1989; 42; 431–435.
6. Antiplatelet antibodies in childhood idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura. *Eur J Haematol* 1991; 36; 82–85.

We, as the members of the Executive Board of the Medical Journal of Islamic World Academy of Science, pray that Professor Ozsoylu spends the rest of his life in health, happiness, and serenity.

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