

A book on Ord. Prof. Dr. Erich Frank

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In 1951, Ord. Prof. Dr. Erich Frank established a scientific journal entitled “*New Istanbul Contribution to Clinical Science*”. This journal later became the official journal of the Turkish Hematology Society, and in 1996, the name of the journal was changed to “*Turkish Journal of Hematology*”.

Dr. Frank was the first editor of the journal and he made very important contributions to the field of hematology. He defined “essential thrombopenia” and began the oral antidiabetic era in 1926, among many others. He passed away in 1957, was honored with a state funeral and is buried at Aşıyan cemetery in Istanbul with Turkish nationality.

His successor was Prof. Orhan N. Ulutin.

These two names come together in a recently published book entitled, “Ord. Prof. Erich Frank’s Contributions to the World and Turkish Medicine”, marking the 50th anniversary of Dr. Frank’s death^[1].

The book consists of a conference and a manuscript written by Prof. Ulutin, remarks and reminiscences of Frank’s students and photographs. The book also contains two English sections on Dr. Frank, making this book an excellent gift for foreigners.

When I read this book, I recalled the English saying “*Judge your success not only by what you have become, but by what others have become because of you*”. I think Dr. Frank, in his roles as both scientist and physician, befittingly exemplifies this saying given his clear impact on his colleagues, students, and patients.

I recommend this book to all hematologists and historians and to every beginner of science/research.

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