

Dear TURKDERM readers,

I present to you the first issue of 2018 by repeating a sentence I wrote in the introduction of the first issue of 2016 when I became the editor of TURKDERM. Yes, once again, "I write these words to you with mixed feelings". The excitement of starting a new year is multiplied when it is combined with a novelty which we aim to start in this issue and continue in the coming ones. The pages of our journal are ready to embrace articles prepared for TURKDERM readers by global colleagues with special knowledge and skills in their fields. Our first guest is dermatologist and dermatopathologist **Dr. Ellen Mooney** from Iceland who is currently the director of the Nordic Institute of Virtual Dermatopathology. She has meticulously written an overview about virtual dermatopathology which I am sure will be of great interest and benefit to us all.

Another article which will provide us with guidance is the **Turkish Atopic Dermatitis Diagnosis and Treatment Guideline-2018**. Thanks to an extensive literature review and continuous discussion among the authors who were members of the of the Dermatoallergy Task Force you will be able to review atopic dermatitis in detail when you read this consensus report.

It is with deep sorrow that TURKDERM once again starts a new year with the loss of a dermatology giant. **Professor Agop Kotoğyan** or as we all called him Agop Hodja (teacher) passed away on February 13, 2018. He had chaired for many years the Association of Dermatology and Venereal Diseases, the oldest dermatology society of our country and had a lot of input for TURKDERM, the official publication of this society. An expert diagnostician, he was also well known for his tender treatment of his patients who came from all corners of the country. Rest in peace dear Agop Hodja. As the Austrian man of music Gustav Mahler has put it "Tradition is not the worship of ashes, but the preservation of fire". Thus, as Turkish dermatologists of today we owe to keep the flames of good medical practice coupled with high scientific standards to Agop Hodja and all other icons of dermatology who have helped bring Turkish dermatology to where it is today.

I hope the new year brings you a productive professional life and that **TURKDERM** is there with you to contribute.

Good reading!

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