

## Local Meeting of the editorial board of The Anatolian Journal of Cardiology in Ankara, Associate Editors, and our impact factor

The first local-regional meetings of the staff responsible for the publication of The Anatolian Journal of Cardiology (Editor-in-Chief, Editor, Consultants of the Editor-in-Chief, Associate Editor, and publisher) which I regularly organized in previous years was held this year in Ankara in August, 2014.

At the beginning of May our balance was turned upside down after a storming change among the staff of The Anatolian Journal of Cardiology which has been only recently come to a steady state. Then I decided to proceed with my task more energetically than before. As can be anticipated, overwhelming increase in the workload compelled me to work till late hours. Fortunately, with the addition of new Editor Prof. Dr. Zeki Öngen, associate editors to the staff of The Anatolian Journal of Cardiology, my workload was relieved gradually. Let me remind you. We arrived at a general consensus on almost all of 40 main points which I brought up on the agenda. I requested Turkish Society of Cardiology to nominate 10 academicians and submitted my proposals to 5 of my colleagues among the nominees and they showed the courage to accept this commitment despite their heavy workload, and became a member of the team: Prof. Dr. Turgay Çelik, Prof. Dr. Recep Demirbağ, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Güngör Kaya, Prof. Dr. Mustafa Kılıçkap, Prof. Dr. Necla Özer, and Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Uyarel. And they showed the courage to accept this commitment despite their heavy workload, and became a member of the team. We spent an exhaustive 5 hours in local-regional meeting concerning publication issues of The Anatolian Journal of Cardiology with the participation of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Güngör Kaya from Kayseri, our meritable instructor Prof. Dr. Recep Demirbağ from Urfa, and my colleagues, Prof. Dr. Turgay Çelik, Prof. Dr. Sadi Güleç, Prof. Dr. Mustafa Kılıçkap, Prof. Dr. Necla Özer, and Prof. Dr. Ercan Tutar, living in Ankara, our publisher Ibrahim Kara from Istanbul, my administrative assistant of the Chief Editor's Office Betül Tuntaş, and our unique cardiac surgery Prof. Dr. Tulga Ulus who hosted this meeting.

Especially with newly elected Associate Editors, we discussed procedures related to the journal, working order, responsibilities, and authorizations, and also expectations from the editor-in-chief. Despite all discouraging images and dramatic examples, this team accepted to assume responsibilities easily without panicking, Assumption of responsibility by Turkish Society of Cardiology created in my colleagues so-called a feeling of sitting

in the catbird seat. Still, I think, I couldn't fully explain what will be happened to them. They will work at least 4 hours a week, and some nights they will work overtime. We will see!

By the way, my consultant Prof. Dr. Suna Kırac retired, and started to work for Northern Cyprus Near East University, Faculty of Medicine, Department of Nuclear Medicine. Last month, our former academician, Prof. Dr. A. Tulga Ulus started his active duty in Hacettepe University.

However, we were working very hard during previous months. Especially, ESC congress, and TCT Meeting required 'marathon race' lasting for at least one month. With my office staff, and as an Editor-in-Chief, I tried hard to complete the training, and orientation process of my recently assigned assistant.

As an Editor-in-Chief, I assumed the duty of our dear, and devoted friend, Prof. Dr. Gulmira Kudaiberdieva who resigned from her duty in the last September which made me return to my work tempo I was engaged in 40 years ago when I was a candidate for the post of associate professorship. Turkish Association of Cardiology proposed me the name of our academician Prof. Dr. Zeki Öngen for the vacant position of editorship, and he himself kindly came to Eskisehir office, and gave his consent to my offer after a day's work which really relieved my mind. Now, we are busy in telling about the difficulties he will confront. Of course, we don't abruptly say anything to nobody as in Turkish proverb 'your yellow ox is dead' which means you are in great difficulty. We will let him know gradually!

Since increasing number of manuscripts have been submitted from other disciplines apart from cardiology, one of the important issues of Ankara meeting was, as I mentioned in my editorials published in previous issues of the journal, to find authors from other disciplines who will examine the manuscripts at first hand before referees make their critical peer-reviews. I am still one of the so-called old-fashioned cardiologists who think that cardiology can not be practiced without very good training in internal medicine or becoming an internal medicine specialist. Frankly the cardiology training should be 2+4 years. All my associate editors are compelled to spend their extra effort in analyzing a multidisciplinary study. I still remember the sentences written by Prof. Dr. Mark Sherrid as an editor of the supplement about genetics in the preface "Why genotype patients with inherited heart disease?" published in one of the previous issues of The Anatolian Journal of Cardiology which read as follows: "Just what is the clinician to make of these unfamil-



iar terms, especially considering that at the moment we cannot specifically treat these mutations? There was a time before antibiotics when some physicians knew the names of disease-causing bacteria named *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Staphylococcus aureus*.

This was a time when these bacterial names were as unfamiliar as "KVLQT1 (KCNQ1), found at locus 11p15.5, the cause of long QT1". Bacterial names have become familiar with the development of antibiotics and long familiarity with their syndromes. One would expect that same familiarity will develop with the disease-causing mutations of inherited heart disease. ..."

Arrhythmia, and electrophysiology is another field of extensive knowledge, not mentioning micro RNA or nanoparticles. We passed the month of July on tiptoe like lycée students waiting announcement of their higher education entrance examination points. This year's Thomson-Reutors ISI Web Journal of Citation Report was published recently after a considerable delay, and at last we breathed a deep sigh of relief. The impact factor (IF) of The Anatolian Journal of Cardiology increased 5.5% up to 0.755. Total number of all scientific publications especially coming from Turkey, and included in the SCI-E reported decreased from 54 to 49 which deserves dramatic considerations. *Quo vadis?* With its present impact factor The Anatolian Journal of Cardiology retained its 11. place in the list of SCI-E. Among all Turkish Scientific Journals of Medicine still it ranks 5. with an IF of 0.755 points. According to SCI-E Eigenfactor Scores, it

climbed from 7., to 6. place among all scientific Turkish journals. Besides this year it escalated 2 ranks, and took the 4. place among all Turkish medical journals. Based on average IF scores of 5 years, we currently retain our 4. place among all medical journals published in Turkey.

According to The Journal of Citation Report, what happened on top of the giant cardiovascular journals based on IF ranking? Impact factor of the last year's top journal *Circulation* regressed 2.2% from a 15.202 points, and this year the journal descended to the second place, *EJH* which ranked 2. in the last year, dropped to the third place with an IF of 14.723 points despite an increase of 2.07 % in this year's score. Last year *JAAC* ranked 3. with an IF of 14.0836 points, and it increased its IF score 2.16%, and this year it climbed to the first place among journals of cardiovascular medicine with an IF score of 15.343 points.

In brief take home the message. Thank God. I congratulate, and express my gratitude to all those who contributed their efforts, and supported The Anatolian Journal of Cardiology in maintaining, and increasing its scientific level of excellence, and priorly to reviewers, authors submitting their manuscripts to the journals, and those responsible for its publication.

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Our most broadly participated meeting of AJC Editor-in-Chief, Editors, managers-steering committee-associate Editors and publishers to date was held during the National Congress on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014. From left to right-Prof. Dr. Mehmet Bilge, Prof. Dr. Recep Demirbağ, Prof. Dr. Yüksel Çavuşoğlu, Prof. Dr. Alptan Birdane, Sayın Veysel Kara, Sayın İbrahim Kara, Prof. Dr. Necla Özer, Prof. Dr. Bilgin Timuralp, Prof. Dr. Zeki Öngen, Prof. Dr. Turgay Çelik, Doc. Dr. Mehmet Güngör Kaya, Prof. Dr. Sadi Gülec, Prof. Dr. Sanem Nalbantgil, Prof. Dr. Mustafa Kılıckap, Prof. Dr. Kurtuluş Özdemir, Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Uyarel