

Dear Esteemed Readers,

We present the first issue of 2017 with two new features. The first is Professor Doctor Serdar Payzın, a new columnist, or rather, caricaturist of our journal. We have seen certain caricatures of Mr. Payzın in our recent national congresses. These examples reflecting his scientific, artistic and humorous characteristics made the presentations more pleasant since these caricatures were drawn specifically for the relevant topics. However, we did not know how he would react to the offer of regularly drawing caricatures for a medical journal. Considering his busy schedule, we were aware of the fact that our request for reading our articles from the perspective of a cardiology professor, making humorous comments on them and drawing his comments as an artist was challenging. Therefore, we were delighted when he accepted our offer with no complaints. Professor Doctor Serdar Payzın will join us by drawing a caricature for an article in every issue, starting with this one. The article he will select will be a surprise for us and for our authors. The review of Serkan Asil and Enver Atalar is the lucky one in the January 2017 issue. We are looking forward to seeing his caricatures in future issues. We welcome you, Dear Serdar Payzın.

The second new feature is the insertion of the statement, "First issue published in 1968," on the cover. The fact that the Archives of Turkish Society of Cardiology was published first in 1968 and has turned 49 is an honor for the cardiology society in Turkey. The first medical journal published in Turkey was called Vakayi-i Tıbbiye (Medical Cases). It was published every fifteen days in 1848 by Mekteb-i Tıbbiye-i Mülkiyye-i Şahane (Duman, 1995, 1, 28). As far as we know, a total of thirty-nine issues were released. The first medical journal of the Republic period was entitled Tedavi Notları (Treatment Notes) and published monthly. This journal took a new name, Dirim (Life), in 1933. Although it was not published from time to time, it is still the oldest periodical (published for 90 years) in Turkey. The number of the academic journals published between 1911 and 1923 is three. However, number of these journals started to increase in 1971. After 1995, this increase was obvious especially in the peer reviewed journals since article publication criteria were implemented for academic promotions. The number of the periodical medical journals registered with ULAKBİM (The Turkish Academic Network and Information Center) is 153 at the present time. The Archives of the Turkish Society of Cardiology is among the oldest journals, and it is the oldest journal in cardiology field. Considering this, we may be a little late to add the statement, "First issue published in 1968," to the cover. Nevertheless, we believe this is a suitable feature.

With the pride of the past in our minds, we hope to publish many issues that offer us access to innovations and pleasing developments.

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