

Dear Colleagues

Approaching to the end of 2010 it is a great pleasure for me to give some information regarding our journal "Turkish Neurosurgery". As you know our journal Turkish Neurosurgery has been publishing since 1989. In the past years, Turkish Neurosurgery scientifically contributed our society, but unfortunately remained as a local journal. Therefore, we decided to apply to international indexes such as Pub Med, Science Citation Index, Scopus, Medline and also Turkish Medical Index. Since 2007 Turkish Neurosurgery has been accepted for indexing in PubMed and one year later in 2008 Science Citation Index Expanded accepted as a new member. The same year Turkish Neurosurgery was also indexed by Scopus. These achievements were done by tremendous efforts of Editorial Board members. As a editor I personally want to thank to them (Dr. Burçak Bilginer, Dr. Bülent Düz, Dr. Salih Gülşen, Dr. Hakan Seçkin, Dr. Sait Şirin, Dr. Cem Yılmaz in alphabetic order) These acceptances by important international indexes geared Turkish Neurosurgery to a new and higher scientific platforms. Full text availability on Pubmed created a new international readers and a lot of manuscript income to Turkish Neurosurgery from all over the World. So far manuscripts from many different countries were sent to journal. Since we have to obey rules of Pubmed and SCI-Exp we are very strict about publishing rules and dates. Therefore Turkish Neurosurgery is being a very orderly published and reliable international journal with its national and international reviewers. Without our reviewers literally, we can do nothing. I want to thank all our reviewers by their name listed below in alphabetical order. I wish they will continue to their difficult and time consuming review job in next year. As of 2010 we start to use DOI (Digital Object Identifier) number to the accepted manuscript ahead of electronic publishing for the manuscript which are waiting for the hard copy publicating. DOI number is very important for the authors who need their manuscript be tracted and seen online data base immediately after acceptance. I am also please to inform you that we will start to accept online video presentations up to 8 MB to Turkish Neurosurgery from the beginning of 2011. All these changes also attracted our Turkish and international authors and more manuscripts have being sent compare the previous years. After being member of Pubmed 829 manuscripts were send and 49 % of them were accepted for publication by the Journal.

The quality of medical journals are indicated especially by their impact factor and number of readers is alsoan important secondary indicator. Since we are very new to SCI-Exp our impact factor was calculated recently which is 0.277. This is a very good number especially for the first 2 years of being in SCI-Exp. There are 35 Turkish Born Medical Journals accepted by SCI-Exp and 16 of them have 0 impact factor. Turkish Neurosurgery Ranked on 9th row in this list. I believe that it will be better in coming years. The 2010 impact factor number of Turkish Neurosurgery has stood at 0.508, up from 0.277 in 2009. We receive monthly hit numbers of our journal from SCI-Exp illustrated on the graph below, our hit numbers are also steadily increasing. Thank you

very much for the authors sending their interesting manuscripts to our Journal. The more scientifically valuable manuscripts, the more readers and the more citation and better impact factor number. So, we are waiting more manuscript from our colleagues to Turkish Neurosurgery.

Finally, I want to convey our gratefulness to Turkish Neurosurgical Society administrations for their continuous financial and technical supports to our Journal.

We, as an editorial board of Turkish Neurosurgery, wish you a very happy and successful new year of 2011.

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